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Walking in the rain

The members of the women's lacrosse team strike a pose prior to walking in last Sunday's AIDS Hike for Life. The team, which is headed to Skidmore this weekend for the NYSWCAA Lacrosse semifinals, was just one of many on-campus groups to participate in the fundraiser.

College considers more housing, parking to ameliorate crunch

Lottery leaves nearly 60 rising sophomores without housing

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Following unprecedented Spring lotteries, the College is currently considering adding both additional housing and parking facilities to College Hill. This year's housing lottery left the college in a particular scramble, as well as around 60 rising sophomores without housing for next year. This figure is twice the usual number of students without housing following the lottery.

"Every single summer we have a wait list," said Nancy Perkins of Residential Life, noting that the concept of too many students and not enough housing options is nothing new. "Enrollment is up. It means that people want to go to school here, which is a good thing."

The current housing lottery crunch, however, is more than the result of a large entering freshman class; the problem is also due in part to the size of the class of rising seniors. Known by the administration as the "bubble class," the Class of 2003 is currently the largest class at Hamilton. Because a significant number of students spent a semester or the entirety of the 2001-2002 school-year abroad, the College was able to easily house the remaining students. However, with the return of the Class of 2003 to campus, housing next year will be extremely tight.

Nonetheless, Perkins foresees a timely end to the problem of housing on the Hill. "A lot of this will melt down. It will take care of itself," she said.

Northside Area Coordinator Carin Plante agreed, noting that much of the space held over for incoming freshmen is already in the process of becoming upper-class housing. "Half of the people currently

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PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

The College will add 108 new parking spaces next year; however, as a result of the science building construction, most student spaces will be further from campus.

Rosser offers Hewlett professors suggestions for revised curriculum

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Susan Rosser spoke Monday to faculty and students about how to encourage women to pursue degrees in the sciences.

The Hewlett Pluralism and Diversity Initiative grant, which the college received earlier this semester, will provide money to 12 faculty members interested in implementing Rosser's, or others', suggestions to revise their courses, or design new courses, "that more accurately reflect new scholarship on race, class, gender, sexuality, and other issues," said Director of the Kirkland Project and Professor of English and Comparative Literature Nancy Rabinowitz.

"What's especially interesting is what diverse places in the institution these people are coming from," said Rabinowitz. "That's exactly what we wanted." Rabinowitz pointed out that the faculty members are all working not only in different fields, but also in different parts of the curriculum, some on pro-seminars, some on sophomore seminars, and others on departmental courses. "If these issues are raised all over the curriculum, than they're less tokenized. They're harder for students to just dismiss," she said.

Faculty members participating in the program next year include: Assistant Professor of English Dana Luciano, Assitant Professor of Spanish and Women's Studies Susan Sanchez-Casal, Associate Professor of Government Stephen Orvis, Associate Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran, Associate Professor of Government Carol Drogus, Professor of Classics Barbara Gold, Professor of Biology Jinnie Garrett, Assitant Professor of Psychology Julie Dunsmore, Associate Professor of French Cheryl Morgan, Professor of Africana Studies Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, Assitant Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin, and Associate Professor of Art Ella Gant.

"Lots of the problems that marginalized students face are in the dorms and the social life. We [faculty] can't address those, but we can address attitudes through the curriculum...It may not stop

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"Subtle changes" to recycling on Hill result in successful spring campaign

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Hamilton's recycling program has had a face-lift... and so have student's attitudes. This semester's efforts to increase recycling on the Hill have met unforeseen success, due largely to the hard work of Physical Plant in conjunction with HEAG, ResLife, and Environmental Protection and Safety.

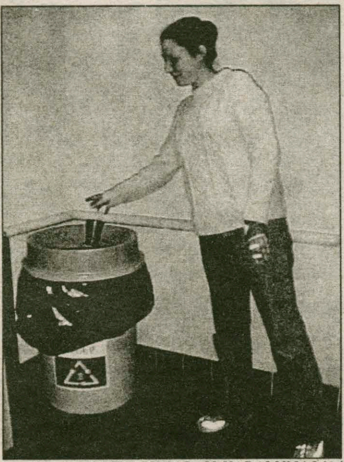

PHOTO BY SARAH KARALUNAS '04

Colby Fisher '03 recycles her cup in Commons. "Even injured people recycle," she said.

"Although it's too early for any concrete results, some sites have had drastic turnarounds," said Terry Hawkridge, assistant director of Physical Plant.

Despite its overwhelming success, Physical Plant only implemented "subtle changes" to the recycling procedures that had been in place for years. For example, they slightly modified the recycling truck, a vehicle that will again be modified later in the year so that it is "ergonomically friendly." In addition, container buckets have been added to the dining halls to catch the brown cups, more sites for paper-group recycling have been added at the mail center, and more trash receptacles have been added to high volume trash areas.

According to Hawkridge, these changes to recycling were anything but monumental; everyone on campus is still responsible for sorting his own wastestream, and the procedures hardly saw any major changes. "The basic program has stayed the same. By this I mean we are still using the point-of-origin sorting," he said. Hawkridge further added that prior to this semester's recycling program, "the recycling stations were already set up and the labeling system was 95% correct. The custodians and the grounds crews were doing an adequate job in delivering the sorted waste to the recycling dumpsters at the recycling yard."

Nonetheless, the recycling project been incredibly successful due in part to the increased visibility that the issue has gotten on campus. Besides all-campus emails, the issue has been highly publicized in the student media. "This is huge!" Hawkridge said. "The educational component was missing, and now we are working on that."

Moreover, Hawkridge acknowledged that he had a little help from his friends. "Having Matt Stringer hired to help fine tune the recycling stations has helped, too," he said.

Stringer '03, currently employed by Physical Plant, has been instrumental in bringing student attention to the changes implemented to the recycling system. His efforts to send out emails and create posters have not gone unnoticed. "A lot of people have been really supportive of the new program; a lot of people I've never even met have told me they're glad that the system is turning around. And a lot of professors have emailed me asking

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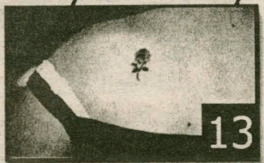

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Class of 2005

Representatives:
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J-Board:
Robby Wang, Sean O'Connell

Honor Court
Blake Keogh, Hansraj Bhukhmonhan

Class of 2004

Representatives:
Sarah Siegel, Lis Backer, Rob Parker, Kristin Merriman, Marla Nasser

J-Board:
Allison Domm, BJ Markle

Honor Court: Allison Manly

Class of 2003

Representatives:
Karsten Lund, Amanda Gengler, Libby Collar, Brian Cohen, Anne-Sophie Young

J-Board:
Meg Burke, Sky Gellatly

Honor Court:
Jordan Burns, Ginger Pearson

Appeals Board:
Steve Aubuchon, Joe Finley

"The Legacy of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*" commemorates 150th anniversary of novel's publication

by Sarah M. Gould '05
NEWS WRITER

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic slave narrative, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, students and faculty held a joint discussion tracing the cultural impact and images inspired by the novel. The discussion included both presentations from students in Professor Dana Luciano's senior seminar "The Culture of the American Renaissance" and brief lectures by faculty members from the English department.

The students participating in the lecture highlighted the critical history of the novel and its place in the history of the abolitionist and Christian movements. Michael D'Alessandro '02 kicked off the discussion with a talk focused on the novel's place in abolitionism. He explained that although Stowe was not an abolitionist, those who supported the abolitionist movement "took her text and made it their own." The novel never really took off as a political call-to-action, but on a literary level, it was widely embraced. D'Alesandro then pointed out the criticism aimed at the novel in later years. He explained that there were some critics who attacked the misrepresentations within the novel and quoted the critic George Frederick Holmes as saying that the novel is "fiction in its form and falsehood in its end." D'Alessandro also explained the sexist bents in the novel before he went on to ask the audience how, as critics and scholars, we should regard the novel. Should it be viewed as a historical document or simply as a fictitious, historical text? Handouts were distributed giving examples of both the negative criticisms and the numerous positive reviews given to the best-selling novel.

Scott Seay, visiting assistant professor of religious studies and a specialist in American religious history, spoke next. He focused on the anti-slavery activism during the period of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*'s publication. He explained this with a discourse on the contemporary religious ideas of the time and approached the novel in a theological sense. Seay briefly discussed the roots of anti-slavery, which were planted in Quaker traditions and the Edwardsian theological belief that all humans are free, moral agents who should strive for benevolence without self-interest. All of this, under the broader umbrella of Christianity, aided in the anti-slavery activism.

The Jane Watson Irwin Chair of Women's Studies, Joycelyn Moody, took over the discussion after Seay. From the outset, her discussion was based on the literary responses of African-American women to *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Despite the fact that "African-American women did not have much to say about *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," those who did respond came in several different varities. Black women in the 19th century borrowed identities from the novel, mostly the sentimentalities outlined in the novel. These sentimentalities included the national belief that sanctity lay in the family, that Christian love was all-important, and that woman's instinct was important. Moody also suggested that while the novel was, and still is, very important has important things to say, "there are many things missing."

Assistant Professor of Theatre Mark Cryer focused his portion of the discussion on the persistent stereotypes of African Americans in American culture. Cryer approached this analysis through a personal response and entitled the speech from which he read "*Uncle Tom's Cabin*: A Room With a Personal View." He expressed his concern over the idea that the negative images in the novel have affected the plight of the African American for a long time after its publication. Cryer

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Earth Spirituality provides forum for discussing Paganism

Native American (Cherokee), Gypsy, Wicca represented at group's first Friday meeting

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

Earth Spirituality held its first meeting last Friday in the Chapel. The group was founded to open up a forum of discussion on less well-known religious beliefs present on campus. Although Hamilton has a sitting group that meets every week to meditate, many students would like to talk about their faith. However, up until now, they did not have a place to share their values. Earth Spirituality is scheduled to meet every Friday at 4:00 on the third floor of the chapel. All of the religions that were represented at the first meeting fell under the heading of Paganism, including Native American (Cherokee), Gypsy, and Wicca traditions.

Paganism is a general heading given to all earth-based religions. An overview of typically Pagan values shows that Pagans believe in an interconnected web of life, in a spirit or spirits centered on Earth, and in the sacredness of all things. Rather than viewing their deities as transcendent and otherworldly, Pagans believe that the Goddess (and God) is very much a vibrant component of life on earth.

Since Pagans traditionally believe that all of life is holy, and each being is inherently good, they are able to individualize their religion. The Pagan Educational Network writes, "Pagans view the relationship with Divinity as a deeply personal calling. It is up to each individual to develop a relationship with Divinity as s/he defines it. Because of this, there is no institutionalization within Paganism. There is no single holy book, common creed, or hierarchy of religious representatives."

The lack of institutionalization in pagan religions appeals to many people who have become dissatisfied with Western religions. Paganism gives followers the ability to adapt their beliefs to their needs instead of telling them specifically how to direct their faith.

In many pagan religions the practionner chooses one deity to be his personal god(dess). The choice is based on the personality of the deity in old stories, and what kind of spiritual power the person is looking for in his life.

For these people, Paganism is a way of life. Rituals are based on a circle of celebrations traditionally following the sun and harvest cycle. Unlike the single act of going to church every Sunday, pagan rituals dictate everyday activities. The most common rule throughout all pagan religions is if it harms none, do what will bring you joy.

Contrary to popular belief, most followers of paganism are Caucasian, upper-middle class, and well educated. According to the Pagan Educational Network, "Most are avid readers with interests in ecology, creativity, and personal growth. Many work in scientific and computer-related disciplines." Typically, Pagans feel a deep connection with the earth and are concerned with the ecological state of our planet. The neo-pagan movement picked up alongside the environmental movement born in the 1960s and 1970s, although historic pagan religions date back before the Common Era, and many scholars point to components of Paganism in Christian traditions.

PHOTO BY GREER MAHONEY '05

Members of the campus community came together to discuss pagan religions last Friday afternoon. The group, known as Earth Spirituality, will be holding its next get-together today in the Chapel.

One example of a pagan religion is Wicca. Misunderstood by many people as practitioners of black magic and witchcraft, followers often have a difficult time explaining their faith. About.com writes that Wicca formally began in the 1950s in Britain under the influence of Gerald Gardner, but its belief systems date back to prehistoric Western-European religions. Wicca is a dual deity belief, which appeals to many because they are able to commune with both a female and male divine being. Wicca also concentrates on the inherent goodness of all things. Wicans do not believe in a devil or hell, although one of the most famous "rules" for Wicca is the three-fold rule. Whatever you do comes back to you three times over. So if one

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IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Car Accident Ends in U. Michigan, Indiana U. Student Fatalities

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The fatal car accident early Thursday morning that originally brought tragedy to the family and friends of University of Michigan LSA sophomore Amanda Yeo didn't stop there.

Family and friends of Yu Ming Leong, the driver of the car in which Yeo was riding, now are grieving as well.

Both Yeo and Leong came to the United States from Singapore, and both were active in their schools' Singapore Students associations. The two were reportedly boyfriend and girlfriend.

After being treated for minor injuries and following his release from University Medical Center, Leong, an Indiana University student, called a friend from Bloomington, Ind., where the school is located. The friend made the six-hour trip to Ann Arbor, Mich., to pick up Leong, and he returned to his apartment in Bloomington at around 8:30 p.m. Friday, Bloomington Police Department Capt. Joe Qualters said. Bloomington Police believe Leong died later that night of suicide.

Police are not conducting any additional investigation into Leong's death, Qualters said. Calls made by The Michigan Daily to the coroner's office of the Monroe County Health Department in Indiana have not been returned yet, and the official cause of death has not been announced.

"There was a suicide note, and the method of death was by cutting in such a manner that was consistent with suicide," Bloomington Police Sgt. Bill Parker said. "It referred to the accident that he had been involved in."

Qualters said the note included a date and time that suggested Leong began writing minutes after he reached his apartment. Qualters said the general feeling behind the note was one of remorse and responsibility.

Howard Stern Funds Boston U. Scholarships

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — When Katherine Loy and Sandra Oliveira went to the annual College of General Studies ceremony on Friday, they expected to turn in their Capstone projects and hear announcements of academic accomplishments. They didn't expect to hear their own names announced for $10,000 scholarships, and they had no idea they'd be writing thank you letters to Howard Stern.

For the next five years, the Howard Stern Scholarship Fund will award two $10,000 scholarships to Boston University CGS students continuing in broadcast journalism at the College of Communication.

CGS sophomores Loy and Oliveira both received letters saying faculty members nominated them for a scholarship and asking them to write a two-page essay about the value of their CGS education. Both said they were "shocked" after hearing their names and the awards' details announced on Friday.

"When they were first presenting the award, I was like, 'Oh, that's really nice of him,'" Oliveira said. "When they said the amount, I thought 'Someone's going to be really lucky.'" Though she wasn't excited about attending CGS at first, Oliveira said she ended up appreciating her "well-rounded education" because it "opened my eyes a bit about how the world runs." While Oliveira said her parents do not share her admiration of Stern, the self-proclaimed "King of All Media," she said they are just as ecstatic about the award.

Ohio State Coach Reacts to Linebacker's Arrest

(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel met the press for the first time Tuesday since linebacker Marco Cooper's arrest on Saturday for drug and gun charges, expressing compassion for the situation and dismay for the lost talent.

On Monday, Tressel suspended Cooper for the entire 2002 season but reserved comment while waiting to see if his linebacker would try to contact him. Cooper had not contacted Tressel, something that "surprised" the coach, and Tressel moved forward to speck publicly.

"I haven't talked with him," Tressel said. "We realize that Marco will not be a part of the 2002 Ohio State Buckeyes. I don't feel completely comfortable, though, without the legal process complete."

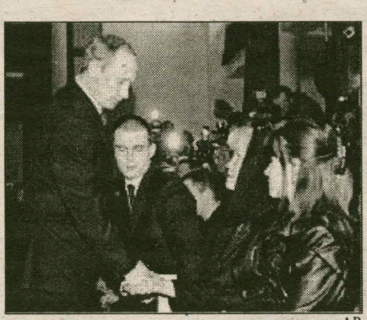
WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

US-Russia Nuke Pact Faces Hurdles

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States and Russia have worked out broad outlines of an agreement to reduce their nuclear arsenals, but obstacles remain to be overcome, an administration official said Thursday.

It was still uncertain whether Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov would be able to solidify an agreement when they meet Friday in Washington, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.



Russian President Putin AP

President Bush hopes to be able to sign an accord when he and Russian President Vladimir Putin meet May 23 in Russia.

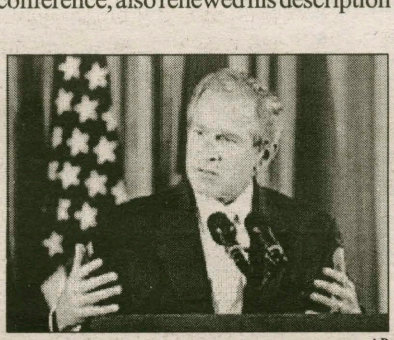
Bush has said he intends to reduce the U.S. long-range nuclear arsenal from 6,000 to between 1,700 and 2,200 warheads over the coming decade, regardless of whether Russia reciprocates. Putin has said Moscow would be willing to reduce to 1,500 warheads,

The two sides are at odds over the nature of reductions. The United States wants to put weapons cut from its arsenal in storage, to be available in an emergency. Russia believes the only serious weapons reduction process involves destruction of armaments.

Powell Announces Mideast Conference

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush set tough terms Thursday for a Palestinian state, saying it must be democratic and not based on a foundation of terror and corruption.

Bush, at a news conference, also renewed his description of Israel's hold on the West Bank as an "occupation" and said it must yield to Palestinian statehood. Secretary of State Colin Powell, meanwhile, announced an international conference would be held this summer to try to advance the peace efforts.



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Officials from Europe, the United Nations and Russia are joining the United States in promising to work for settlement, he said.

Powell urged Israel to lift restrictions on Palestinian travel and said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should also take steps to bring calm to the region.

Alleged Militants Kill 31 in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - Alleged Islamic militants killed 31 people and wounded five others in two separate attacks, the official Algerian news service reported Thursday.

The attacks occurred late Wednesday in the Tiaret region, about 212 miles west of the North African nation's capital, the APS news agency said. The Armed Islamic Group, Algeria's most radical insurgency movement, is active in the area, though there was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Assailants killed 20 people and wounded five others in an attack in Ksar-Chellala, a town just outside Tiaret. Another attack left 11 dead in the town itself.

More than 120,000 people have died in Algeria's Islamic insurgency, which broke out in 1992 when the army canceled elections that a fundamentalist party was expected to win.

In an effort to reconcile the nation, President Abdelaziz Bouteflika promised amnesty to rebels willing to turn in their weapons. The army has been hunting down groups that refused the amnesty.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 400 people have died in attacks attributed to the Armed Islamic Group and the Salafist Group for Call and Combat.

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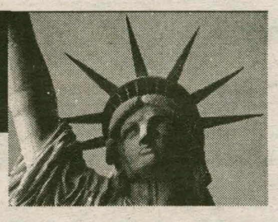

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Ex-Boston Priest Arrested for Rapes

BOSTON (AP) - A Roman Catholic priest who allegedly advocated sex between men and boys was arrested Thursday on charges that he raped a young boy repeatedly for years, sometimes in the church confessional, prosecutors said.

The Rev. Paul Shanley, who has been at the center the Boston sex abuse scandal, was arrested at his home in San Diego, charged with three counts of rape of a child in Massachusetts, Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said. Coakley said the alleged victim, who is now 24 years old, said Shanley abused him at St. Jean Parish in Newton from 1983 to 1990, when he was between 6 and 13 years old.

The man, whose name was not released, told police Shanley took him out of his church instruction class on an almost weekly basis and abused him in the bathroom, across the street to the rectory or in the confessional.

The victim told police that Shanley told him, "if he told, no one would believe him," the prosecutor said.

"He was 6 years old and was fond of (Father) Shanley," Coakley said. She said the victim came forward during the last three months, after a wave of media reports about sexual abuse by priests in the Boston archdiocese.

Va. Gov. Apologizes for Eugenics Law

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) - Gov. Mark R. Warner apologized Thursday for Virginia's forced sterilization of thousands of people from 1924 to 1979, calling it "a shameful effort" that must never be repeated.

Virginia conducted about 7,450 sterilizations under the banner of eugenics, or selective human breeding and social engineering.

On Thursday, it became the first of the 30 states that conducted such sterilizations to apologize. There were more than 60,000 eugenics victims nationwide.

Warner's apology coincides with the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Buck v. Bell decision upholding Virginia's eugenics law, which became a model for other states.

"Today, I offer the commonwealth's sincere apology for Virginia's participation in eugenics," the Democratic governor said in the statement. "The eugenics movement was a shameful effort in which state government never should have been involved."

Del. Mitchell Van Yahres read the statement aloud at the unveiling of a highway marker in Charlottesville honoring the memory of Carrie Buck, who was an 18-year-old unwed mother when she became the first person forcibly sterilized under Virginia's 1924 law.

The law targeted almost any human shortcoming that was believed to be hereditary, including mental illness, mental retardation, epilepsy, alcoholism and criminal behavior.

Police: Biker Gangs on Turf Warpath

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The deadly gun and knife fight in a Nevada casino last weekend was just the latest battle in an increasingly bloody turf war in which several motorcycle gangs across the country have all lined up against the Hells Angels.

The bloodshed among the outlaw bikers began several months ago with the breakdown of a truce that had largely held for about a decade.

At stake are turf and the drug trade that comes with it. Law enforcement experts said they not sure exactly what set off the round of violence, but it has put the Pagans, Bandidos, Sons, Outlaws, Vagos and Mongols on the same side.

"You have the Hells Angels basically going up against virtually every other motorcycle club," said Tim McKinley, a motorcycle gang expert with the FBI in San Francisco.

The rising tensions over the past few months had led Sonny Barger, the legendary founder of the Angels, to organize a "peace powwow" in the Arizona desert that was supposed to take place after the gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts in Laughlin, Nev., last weekend, Arizona police said.

But the peace conference was scuttled by the brawl between the Hells Angels and the Mongols inside Harrah's Casino. Three bikers - two Hells Angels and a Mongol - died in the crowded casino and a Hells Angel was shot to death as he rode away from Laughlin.

Peaceful protests, street celebrations characterize Mayday

by Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITOR

The world marked the traditional worker's holiday of Mayday, the 1st of May, with numerous predominantly peaceful protests and street celebrations. However, protests turned violent in Berlin as violent extreme left groups clashed with police in the city's Kreuzburg district, an area that has been a flashpoint of Mayday violence for the last 15 years. Protestors hurled rocks and bottles at police as they made their way through the city streets, and in some cases tipped over cars and set them on fire.

Not every country used Mayday as a worker's holiday. In France protests took place against the extreme right presidential candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen, who took second place in France's primary elections and who will face off against incumbent Jacques Chirac in this week's final elections. Over one million people turned out on the streets of Paris and other French cities to show their anger toward Le Pen.

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Protestors hold placards of French maps with faces on them, reading "Help" during the Mayday demonstration in Paris. Traditional protests mixed with demonstrations against National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

In London, protestors were, for the first time in years, relatively peaceful. Around 7,000 protestors turned out at Trafalgar Square, many carrying signs supporting stronger environmental controls and human rights in third world countries and protesting American foreign policy. An effigy of President Bush was burned in the square, provoking applause from many of the protestors. Around 6,000 police oversaw the protests, almost equaling the number of people in the square. In past years on Mayday, London's McDonalds' and other icons of capitalism and globalism have been broken into, raided, and set on fire by violent self-proclaimed Anarchists. British leaders have expressed their 'zero-tolerance' policies for violence on Mayday and have backed their words with a large police presence since the violence of Mayday 2000.

In Moscow around 140,000 Trade Union supporters of President Putin turned out in numbers not seen since the Communist era. In addition, Communists held their own rally. In Turkey and Greece people came out in the major cities to show their solidarity with the Palestinian people.

In Germany around 800 far-right extremists rallied in Berlin and were kept separate from left-ist protestors, who chanted "Nazis out" from a distance. Berlin police had to use tear gas and rubber bullets to break up some of the riots, detaining around 80 people as the violence carried on into the night.

In Havana, Cuba, Communist leader Fidel Castro gave a 50-minute speech to a cheering crowd and encouraged the celebration of the originally socialist holiday.

Protests turned violent in some cities in Indonesia, Singapore, and the Philipines, while elsewhere in Asia there were a number of peaceful demonstrations.

IMF, Lavagna extend support for "floating" Argentine dollar

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

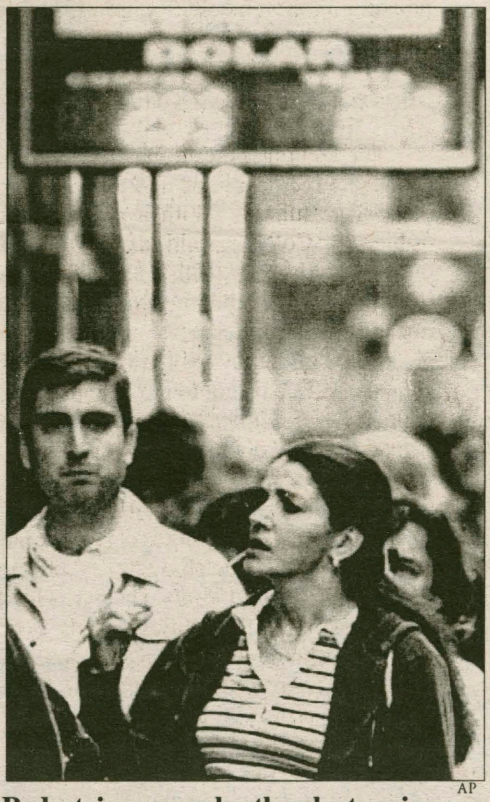
Roberto Lavagna, Argentina's sixth economy minister in a little over a year, made it clear that he intends to continue floating the peso. President Eduardo Duhalde pointed to a return to a fixed exchange rate last week. Argentina adopted a fixed exchange policy for 10 years but abandoned it in January, leading to a critical devaluation of currency that has skyrocketed the prices and angered the public.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) supports the floating policy. "The best way to avoid overshooting is not to intervene in the market," said IMF spokesman Tom Dawson. Dawson also indicated that IMF is ready to send another team to Argentina to help with technical issues. U.S. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, one of Argentina's toughest critics, called the decision to continue floating the peso after a 70 percent fall since January "a good sign" and added, "the clouds are receding a little bit."

The banks and stock exchange closed last week in order to avoid panic selling, which could lead the peso to lose a significant portion of its value. Despite the speculations that such action will only delay but not solve the problem, the peso held firmly as the exchange institutions went back to business.

The peso went all the way up to 3.09 pesos to the dollar. This figure shows signs of optimism when it is compared with a rate of 3.18 right before the banks and foreign exchange offices were closed by government order for about nine days. However, the peso lost nearly 70 percent since one-to-one exchange ratio policy was abandoned.

Some believe that the economy has bottomed out and will start to rise again. "In my opinion, the worst is over. Frankly, I don't think the bank will leave Argentina. I don't think that's realistic unless the situation worsens dramatically," said Henrique Meirelles, president of global banking at FleetBoston Financial Corp.



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Pedestrians pass by the electronic board of an exchange house which quoted the price of the dollar at 2.95-3.05 for buying and selling in the financial district of Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Thursday, May 2, 2002.

The Argentine economy still faces important problems. The economy has not seen growth in four years. It is estimated that 60,000 people lost their jobs in and around the capital in the past month, while about four in 10 people cannot meet their basic food needs or pay the bills. It has already defaulted the largest debt in history (about $140 billion in sovereign debt), but it still needs more loans.

The IMF is in full support of the floating policies, but it also expects the Argentine government to stand firmly and make the necessary reforms that will get the economy out of the long recession "fast and decisively." Dawson told reporters, "We are encouraged that the 14-point plan signed by the president and provincial governors last week demonstrated broad political support for a comprehensive approach for dealing with Argentina's difficult situation."

ResLife promises to find housing for all homeless rising sophomores

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without housing will be housed before the end of next week," she explained.

Plante also cited the lounges in Major, Minor, and MacIntosh as possible residential options for next year. ResLife is currently considering converting the spaces that have, in the past, served as student housing. "We rely on spaces we've already used," said Plante.

At present, it is not yet clear whether ResLife will need to utilize these social spaces. "It's really all about the numbers," added Perkins. "The enrollment numbers are always changing. It's way too early to tell."

Unanswered problems aside, Perkins guarantees that all students currently without housing will be housed on campus for the 2002-2003 school year. "We will work very closely with them this summer, and they will be placed. We've never opened up school without all of our waitlist in housing."

In addition to the problems surrounding the housing lottery, many students were confused by the changes to on-campus parking. Because of the already tight parking conditions on campus, and, moreover, the initial construction of the new science building, student parking facilities are being added to the Hill.

"We are constrained as far as where we can put them," said Karen Leach, vice president of administration of finance, noting a number of differences in parking next year. According to Leach, Root Lot will be extended, and two new lots will be built. One of these new lots will be behind Ferguson and the other will be by North Lot, although "closer to campus."

"Ferguson is our attempt to keep things closer to campus," said Leach.

These new facilities will create over 108 more parking spaces than currently available on campus. Despite the additional parking spaces, there is still no talk of allowing incoming freshman to bring cars to campus.

Despite the issue of student parking, according to Leach, faculty parking remains the priority. "The members of the faculty who come back and forth to campus every day need to be closer," she said, especially as the faculty parking lot behind Burke Library is being closed to faciliate science building construction. The College is making a push to increase faculty parking on the Hill. Those employed by the College who currently park in this lot will next year park in the lot behind Dunham Residence Hall and the lot behind the field house. The student parking spaces that are presently behind Dunham Residence Hall and the field house will be moved to Ferguson, North, and Root Lots.

She also expressed her faith in the new system; Leach feels that the plan will result in more than adequate parking next year.

Editorial:

At Hamilton College, housing is a problem. At Hamilton College, parking is a problem. At Hamilton College, underage drinking is a problem. Each of these problems detracts from the quality of life here on the Hill, and if they did not exist, just about every group of people on this campus would be better off. Unfortunately, this community must deal with these problems every time a housing lottery ends 200 numbers before the one you have in your hand. Or when you arrive to work in the morning and cannot find any place to park your minivan. Or when you spend most of your night shift seeing that intoxicated students make it safely to the hospital, where they will require treatment for alcohol poisoning.

The fact that Hamilton College could fairly quickly rectify two of these three problems makes the suffering that they cause all the more unfortunate. With a maximum expenditure of 40 million dollars, the College could easily build a large dorm and create at least one new parking lot within some reasonable proximity to the rest of the campus (sorry, but the North Lot extension that is "New Lot" just doesn't qualify).

The fact that every student residing on the "Light Side" of the campus will be trying to park in Ferguson Lot every day will surely make for some unpleasant parking experiences. Meanwhile, the Field House lot, now appropriated exclusively for the use of the Faculty, will sit each day half-used. Hamilton would be helping itself if it paved over the area between the football field and the Chemistry Building to create 50-60 more parking spots for the faculty, and then give the Field House lot back to the students. Also a possibility would be the area between Bristol and Minor Theater, which could easily be paved over to provide at least 80 additional spots. Hey, the Editorial Board enjoys seeing the green grass just as much as the next group of people, but realistically, we only get to see it for about six weeks each year anyway. Sacrifice the grass, and instead of ringing up students (whose parents currently shell out 35,000 dollars a year) for parking violations, give the "customers" of the College something that could truly improve their happiness level.

As for another dorm, if the administration does not see the need for one, they might want to look again. Currently, three first-years are routinely crammed into rooms made for two, and lounges (such as the Dunham fishbowls) have been converted into very uncomfortable one-room quads. Many parents, watching their bank accounts fall further each semester, have uttered an astonished, "This is what 6,800 dollars a year buys me?" And rightly so. A fairly good number of Hamilton students, mainly first-years, live in noticeably sub-par housing conditions. To remedy this, the College could erect a new, large dormitory for first-years between the library and Campus Road, where there is an abundance of space currently inhabited by a canon, a big stone seat, and a flagpole.

It's time for Hamilton to take some action. The dorms are running out of lounges to turn into quads, and the quality and availability of rooms on this campus is steadily falling. Continued admittance of classes that number nearly 500 will result in ongoing housing and parking issues. These issues aren't going anywhere. The Administration must step up to the plate.

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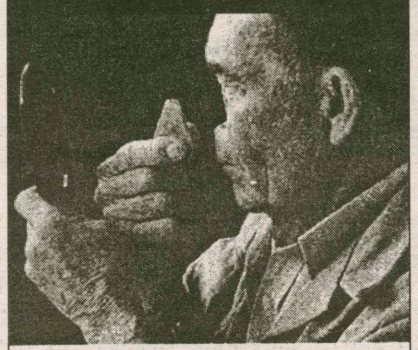

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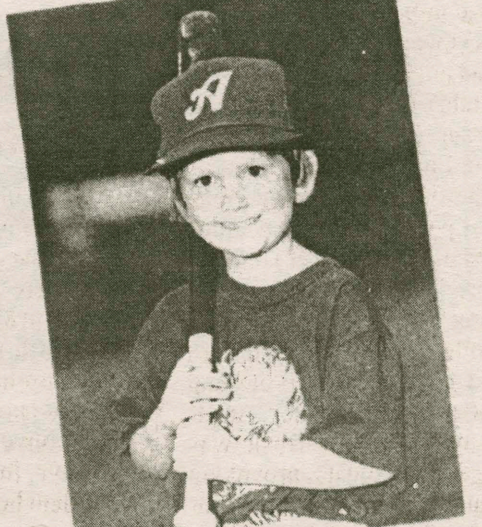

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If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.

Women struggle to balance career and family

*from **Hewlett Grant**, page 1*

the vile phone calls, but it may mean that more people will turn in the person making those phone calls," said Rabinowitz.

Rosser offered many suggestions for how faculty members in the sciences can revise their curricula to make them more appealing to women and minorities.

Most importantly, she said, professors must discuss the role of the scientist as "only one facet of life, which must be smoothly integrated into other aspects of students' lives." Rosser pointed to an Iowa study of male and female valedictorians who said at graduation that they were interested in majoring in a science. The women who dropped out of science programs once in college said they did so because they did not see it as conducive to having a family.

"There's a perception that there's a bad correlation between the biological clock and the tenure clock," said Rosser.

Rosser also suggested that science professors should rely more on students' personal experiences as teaching methods and incorporate questions with a greater social significance. Rosser described one study in England in which women solved a problem as quickly and thoroughly as men if the context was that their solution would help an elderly person. For men, the context did not seem to be important.

Professors in introductory-level classes also need to spend more time on the observational stage of experiments, which gives students, in particular women, more time to work with equipment. Rosser pointed to a study that suggested that nine-year-old, 13-year-old, and 17-year-old girls have less hands-on experience with science equipment than boys of the same ages.

"All women's colleges have the lowests rate of equipment-breaking. It sounds like a good thing, but the women aren't breaking equipment because they're not playing with it," she said.

Part of the problem, explained Rosser, is that professors try to split girls evenly between lab groups, leaving them in groups that are primarily male. In these cases, the males generally use the equipment, while the females record data. "That's excellent for her clerical skills, but does nothing for her in her next science class," she said.

Rosser pointed out that while women and minority participation in the sciences has been a national issue recently, most money and research on how to attract these groups to continue in the sciences is spent on extracurricular effort, not on revising the curriculum.

"We need people with different backgrounds, who have different ways of looking at problems to get better science. That, to me, is the most compelling reason to increase diversity in the sciences," said Rosser.

Community rallies together to support on-campus recycling

*from **Recycling**, page 1*

what they can do to help," he said. "Most importantly I think, some people have been putting up their own posters and trying to get their suitemates to cooperate. That's the kind of action that works the best.

"The most frustrating part of all this is the fact that if one person, for example, throws a chicken bone into the paper bin, all of the contents of the paper bin get sent to the landfill like garbage. So in order for this system to work, we need lots and lots of signs and publicity reminding people how easy it is to recycle. That's why I have been sending out all those emails trying to educate people about what kinds of materials go into the container bin, for example," Stringer added.

However, according to Hawkridge, the community's reaction has been mixed. "The academic buildings are showing successes in the offices," he said. However, not all of the community has done as well. "The classrooms are doing poorly. The dorms are mixed. North and Kirkland are doing well. Milbank is recycling at 4 of 27 suites. South and Carnegie are stealing the bins for student rooms. The community likes the effort."

"To me, the recycling issue has always been very alive," Hawkridge added. "Getting the community to engage the education issues and the visibility issues has been frustrating at times. This task is very time-consuming, and I have an increasing work load. Having a recycling committee; Matt Stringer hired and working for the plant; Duncan Lawrence, Sarah McNeil, and Sarah Bardenett from HEAG; Carin Plante from Res Life; and Brian Hanson from Environmental Protection and Safety all have been so helpful. Having building coordinators address issues in their spaces has helped to spread the load," he added.

Cryer highlights the positive aspects of Uncle Tom's Cabin

*from **Stowe**, page 2*

also admitted that he fights against these images and stereotypes every day, especially in his line of work: acting. These negative images have haunted African Americans, taking on a very palpable sense of racial prejudice. It was not until figures such as Zora Neale Hurston and Paul Robeson came onto the scene that blacks were considered 3-dimensional people, Cryer said. Through programs like the WPA and movements like the Harlem Renaissance, African Americans gained the recognition they had long deserved in terms of traits like artistic talent. As an actor Cryer explained that "persistent stereotypes still exist today, labeled as typecasting." As an African-American actor, he battles the typecasting that is so prominent and promotes the idea of color-blind casting in an effort to realize that talent does not come packaged in any particular color. Despite all of this, Cryer highlighted the positive aspects of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which brought to light the evils of slavery and Christianity's role in slavery.

The discussion opened up to the audience after the last lecture, bringing about new analyses and motifs. A display involving *Uncle Tom's Cabin* will be on view in the library next week.

"Earth Spirituality" seeks to diversify College Hill

*from **Earth Spirituality**, page 2*

casts a negative spell, that negative energy comes back three times as powerfully.

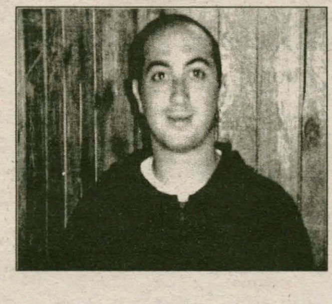
Another popular set of pagan religions is Native American religions. This broad heading encompasses a variety of diverse spiritual beliefs. Archeologists have dated Native American religious tradition to the first settling of Northern America. "The religion of Native Americans has developed from the hunting taboos, animal ceremonialism, beliefs in spirits, and shamanism embraced by those early ancestors," Professor Doak from the University of Virginia wrote. "Religion tends to be closely related to the natural world. The local terrain is elevated with supernatural meaning, and natural objects are imbued with sacred presences. Ceremonial rituals involving these supernatural-natural objects are meant to ensure communal and individual prosperity."

Like the other practitioners of pagan religions, those who believe in Native American spirituality do not think of their faith as a "religion." Instead, they regard it as an essential component of their day-to-day life. Their belief is not shaped by the number of times they go to church in one week, but rather how they put their faith into practice. A quote by one Native American woman says, "If you take the Christian Bible and put it out in the wind and the rain, soon the paper on which the words are printed will disintegrate and the words will be gone. Our bible is the wind."

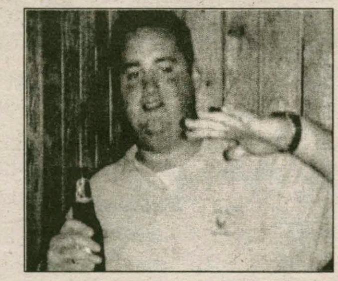
For the majority of the time since Caucasians settled America, Native Americans have been routinely discouraged from practicing their religion. Even today, modern American jails will not allow inmates to practice traditional sweat lodge ceremonies. Often, America's disregard for indigenous culture has been attributed to a lack of understanding. Many people mistakenly see Native American spirituality as heathen practices that need to become modernized. In a 1975 case concerning an oil pipeline which was planned to cut through Native American territory in Toronto, Justice Thomas Berger said, "The culture, values and traditions of native people amount to more than crafts and carvings. Their respect for the wisdom of their elders, their concept of family responsibilities extending beyond the nuclear family to embrace a whole village, their respect for the environment, their willingness to share - all of these values persist within their own culture even though they have been under unremitting pressure to abandon them."

Perhaps it is time for Americans to take a closer look at the belief systems that have been veiled by popular misconceptions for so long. Underneath the stereotypes, pagan faiths have been providing a legitimate outlet for "alternative" religions long before mainstream religions were developed. For the curious, Hamilton's new Earth Spirituality group provides a place to meet and continue/begin learning about pagan traditions.

Hamilton Unscripted: Saturday's Gin & Juice Party: rager or debacle?



"Rager, but I'm always a debacle."
-Jon Mason '02



"Sketchy parties....You never know what's gonna happen by the lake."
-Dudley Purbeck '02

"Rager-lost voices, 12 snarfed hot dogs, and near death in a drunken riot."
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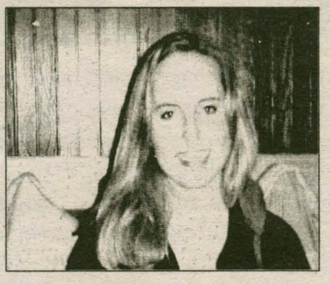

"I didn't go, I was too busy hooking up."
-Lindsay Tolp '02

An Ode to Housing Lottery TV

Crossing Martin's Way last week, I overhead a senior call the live broadcast of the housing lottery "ResLife's stupidest decision since 1996."

KATHLEEN McGRORY '05
NEWS EDITOR

Now despite the fact that neither I, nor this senior, nor anyone currently attending Hamilton for that matter was on the Hill during the last controversial ResLife decision, there was some validity to this statement. Just as we all know that prior to 1996, Ham-Tech was actually Utopia, we all know that the housing lottery sucks.

Who in their right mind would want to subject themselves to a full day of the lottery, from the comfort of their own couch or not?

Being the lucky freshman that I am, my stint with ResLife was over slightly before noon. And no, waking up at 9 a.m. to sit in the barn with a bunch of people still soaking wet and hung-over from Gin 'n Juice was not exactly what I would call my cup of tea.

The fact of the matter remains that we had picked our Babbitt suite nice and early, and after experiencing only two hours of Housing Lottery Hell, I headed back to my room debating whether it would be more beneficial to work or sleep.

I, however, did neither. My Sunday was completely unproductive. I neither slept nor worked nor did anything that would qualify as productive. Quite literally, I did nothing all-day, and it was because of that ridiculous broadcast of the housing lottery live on HCTV. I kid you not.

Upon returning back to my room I found a slew of girls, munching on popcorn, intently watching the AV department's live broadcast of - you guessed it - the housing lottery.

For some unexplainable reason, I was lured onto the couch, and in my state of complete tiredness, decided to sit for a moment, and watch the lottery. Why not?

However, within seconds I was hooked. I myself was completely addicted. For some reason, we were unable to turn it off; it was more exciting than *Friends*, had more drama than *Felicity*; was much easier to comprehend than *Dawson's*. And in this blissful state, we watched that wonderfully intriguing housing lottery for over five hours.

I know what you are thinking: this girl is nuts. But before you discount my theory, note that it wasn't just my room; the phenomenon was quite widespread. Even in North the entirety of the fourth floor was glued to the housing lottery.

Somehow ResLife had managed to create a totally engaging, addicting reality television show. By the time the juniors had their picks at rooms, the housing lottery was just as twisted as Survivor itself: Ok, there is only one more double in AD. Mark, you're out. The tribe has spoken.

We loved the drama; there was nothing more amusing that watching people panic because the only pulls left on campus were in Bundy. People were anxious, edgy, and screwing over their friends; it was great television.

Halfway through the lottery, we had even started to root for the other team; we wanted Carnegie to close. It would be much more amusing if the next foursome to enter the Annex, clearly anticipating placing their stickers in the final Carnegie spot, had to live elsewhere. Like Dunham.

And we took a guilty pleasure in watching it all go down from the comfort of our own couch. It was sick and twisted. In a word: entertaining.

Despite the entertainment value of the broadcast (practically a tribute to TV God Mark Burdett), and the fact that I ended up with sweet housing as a lottery-virgin, Sunday's hype wasn't so hot for the 70 or so homeless rising-sophomores.

But come on guys, even those of you that don't have housing next year, wasn't lottery TV great?

I'm absolutely positive two years from now as a rising senior I will be cursing ResLife and praying for the farmhouse (Farmhouse '04!).

But after all the drama is complete, at least I can look forward to coming back to my dorm room and, as a reality-TV-addict, catching the TV event of the year: the (hopefully) annual web-broadcast of the lottery. Yay for technology!

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So please take the 5 seconds to separate your trash, put up some posters, and remind your hall mates to recycle. The worst time of the week for recycling is during the weekends because people get a little boozed up and ignore the labels. Even if you have a few booze drinks this weekend...don't forget to separate your trash or else you ruin everyone else's efforts. Remember if you see a mixed up bin site or a place that needs new labels or bins email mstringe and he'll take care of it!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Response to "One in Five WHAT?"

This letter is in response to Philip Hadji's "1 in 5 WHAT?" article printed last week in the *Spectator*. In this article he insinuates that the Hamilton College Women's Survey (which was an Emerson Grant project undertaken last summer) inflated its results, used careless language to ask questions and that its findings are inaccurate. This is simply not the case and this is why.

Hadji claims in his article that the "definition [of sexual assault] is so ambiguous that it is hard for both researchers and participants in surveys to clearly define what actually constitutes sexual assault." His claim might have some substance if we had asked the question, "have you ever been sexually assaulted?"

However, we asked questions regarding specific behaviors that constitute the legal and prosecutable definition of sexual assault in New York State. In fact, for the purpose of being absolutely precise we included only rape and attempted rape in our statistic for sexual assault. The suggestion that we invented a dubious definition that could include "an undesired touch on the shoulder" is unfounded and simply inaccurate.

Furthermore, using the previously mentioned anecdotal (and false) evidence, Hadji claims, "as a result of this ambiguity research often inflates the number of cases of sexual assault."

There is no evidence to support this claim. While he might not want to believe that our results are accurate (they are disturbing), 57% of the women enrolled on campus last year responded to our survey.

In addition, national studies on the same topic have produced results that are consistent with the results of Hamilton's study. Consequently, the data produced by our study can be trusted to accurately represent the facts about sexual assault at Hamilton.

We were also disturbed and confused by Hadji's attack of the Sexual Assault Center's poster campaign. As he wrote in his article, many of these posters read, "Rape happens here" and "One out of five women report being the victim of sexual assault." Both of these claims are supported by the findings of our survey.

Rape does, in fact, happen here (13% of women responded that they had experienced rape, according to Hamilton's definition). Also, 1 out of 5 women reported being the victim of sexual assault (which includes only those who reported rape or attempted rape). There is nothing misleading or inaccurate about these claims. Ironically, this, and many of Hadji's other claims are misleading and inaccurate.

With these considerations, we feel that Hadji, without making an effort to find out the facts, carelessly disparaged the integrity of careful and accurate work done by fellow students. While it is all too easy to cry, "The Numbers Lie!!," we need, instead, to ask ourselves a tough question:

What is the Hamilton community going to do about what Hadji admits, "is a very serious problem?"

--Katie Adelstein and Cory Lown

Denouncing Skeptics

To Philip Hadji and all other skeptical Hamilton community members:

1 in 5.

1 in 5 college women have reported being the survivor of completed or attempted rape sometime in her lifetime-a statistic consistent with findings of the US Department of Justice, The National Center for Victims of Crimes, and The 1995 National College Health Risk Behavior Survey - United , to name a few. I italicize survivor because this statistic represents the girls and women who were not also murdered by their assailant(s).

You counter that this statistic "has no merit," and is "unfounded." You accuse activists, including myself, of "inflat[ing] numbers." Yet I did not invent the statistic, nor did I manipulate it in anyway. I foresee your next criticism being the inclusion of attempted, instead of just completed, rape in the statistic.You might say that attempted rape doesn't count, that it's not the same thing. Maybe to you it's not.

You, who can stand removed from the situation. You, who, because you are male, has a much lower chance of being raped. Rape. Attempted rape. Both can be equally violent, not just sexually, but physically and psychologically as well. Some girls and women manage to get away. Many do not.

Furthermore, your critique about distinguishing between rape and sexual assault in reference to the Hamilton campus is obviously ill-informed. Have you read the Hamilton Women's Survey and its results? Have you attended the researchers' presentations? Have you talked with the researchers or their project advisors?

Apparently not, for had you taken any initiative to educate yourself in reference to the statistics and/or definitions, you would know that the Survey did not include "an undesired touch on the shoulder" in their definition of sexual assault. You would also know that they did not use the terms "rape," "attempted rape," or "sexual assault" in their question; instead they described specific acts that meet the legal and prosecutable definitions of the assaults.

If you had familiarized yourself with the background for this campus' recent activism, you would know that the Survey's definition of rape is forced or incapacitated intercourse of any kind, including vaginal, anal, oral, by a penis or object, etc.; while its definition of sexual assault includes attempt at any kind of forced or incapacitated intercourse that was not completed.

You criticize the 1 in 5 statistic. You criticize SAC's flyer campaign. You criticize the various forms of research that students have done.

You then say that you, too, believe "that rape is a serious problem." Yet you do not cite any research done by any organization, foundation, social scientist, or government agency that disproves or counters the 1 in 5 statistic, or those found by the Women's Survey.

Violence against girls and women, including all forms of sexual assault (which includes rape), is epidemic in this society. Disliking a statistic is not sufficient. How do you know that "far fewer women have been raped?"

Finally, your assertion that "Hamilton is a safe place to go to school" speaks to your inexperienced and biased point of view. The fact that you haven't been harassed or assaulted does not signify that Hamilton is safe. A gay, transgendered student is verbally harassed; receives verbal death threats. A lesbian student is physically assaulted.

A blind Black student receives racist, ableist messages on his door. A student is spit on as he walks by a group of other students.

A woman is called slut, bitch, whore, cunt. Male students break into first year women's rooms to intimidate and sexually harass and/or assault them. You say safe. I ask, safe for whom?

--Jessie Turner, "03

One in Five is Misleading : SO WHAT ?

People of Hamilton, I urge you not to take "One in Five WHAT ?" at face value. While 1 in 5 is not the ratio of women that are raped/attempted to be raped at Hamilton, 1 in 7.7 is (13%-Adelstein and Lown 2001). The true ratio is not as great as 1 in 5, but is it still not great enough to warrant our complete attention ?

Last week, a thin veil of aversion toward 1 in 5 t-shirts and the pertinence of rape on this campus appeared amongst a minority of students. Students were talking about the issue, but some displayed irritation at the inflammatory misleading nature of the t-shirts.

This feeling culminated in "One in Five WHAT ?(*Spectator* 4/26, "Insights & Ideas")".

Whether or not the author intended to slight Womyn's Energy Week, the article degraded the efforts of many individuals to foster rape/sexual assault awareness. The issue is bigger than just the sexual assaults that happen at Hamilton. The front of the t-shirt referred to the fact that one in five women in colleges nationwide reports being raped. The ratio rises to 25% of all women during their lifetime. Using 1 in 5 is not a "scare tactic", rather it raises the issue's importance beyond Hamilton's borders.

Furthermore, the safety of residents already on the Hill should be a higher priority than whether or not the t-shirts have scared prospective students out of coming here. If we cannot make women on this campus feel safe, prospective females don't stand a chance.

Look at the leaflets and brochures, discuss them with friends, but don't close your ears to this issue. The probability's against you if you think you won't meet a person who's been sexually assaulted or worse.

--Mac T. Weiss

Staff says thanks

Staff members in the Admission Office would like to thank the Pentagon Society for arranging the Staff Recognition Luncheon last week. To think, these young people could have been doing something for themselves, but they chose to do something for the staff and thank us. We are very fortunate to be appreciated and to be surrounded by such talent and generous youth. It really was very heartwarming. Thank you.

--Admissions Office Staff

Housing Reform

Look how progressive College Hill has been this semester: people braving the elements to protest discrimination against gay students and sexual assault and to support local AIDS research; Queen of Queer Theory, Eve Sedgwick lecturing in the jam-packed Chapel; a slew of well-attended Kirkland Project events... I mean, if these few examples aren't reason enough to "hoot and holler" over our kick-ass activism, than I don't know what is!

So what's next-A "Save the Drowning Worm Program" after the wake of last night's monsoon? NO! Let's talk about SEX, baby! ...The single-gender (oops, I mean single-sex) rooming policy, that is, and how people seriously question its very existence in our community. Woahhh Nelly-not to worry. I'm not attacking a system that a number of students find essential to their college experience, but I am simply suggesting that uniformity is not only boring, but is also insensitive to one's individual needs.

Why shouldn't Hong be able to live with his best friend Rebecca? Think about it! Aren't we all consenting adults by New York State Law? Yes! Can Hamilton take a cue from Harvard, Haverford, Oberlin, Wesleyan, and Swarthmore, schools that have all recently opted to explore the opportunities of coed rooming? Of course it can! Will Res. Life have to be a little more "creative" and "open-minded" in its approach to campus housing regulations? Most definitely!

-Jason Haas '05

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

A very Unlikely Scenario: All about the French Presidential Election.

Marking the culmination of ten days of political and social demonstrations, nearly half a million people marched the streets of Paris Wednesday, May 1st during the national labor holiday. This year's unprecedented number of demonstrators was largely due to the unexpected results of the first round election of the presidential election. To understand the current situation, it is important to know a few basics of the French presidential elections. This election, unlike the presidential election in the US, has two rounds and each vote counts as one. Anyone who collects five hundred signatures from people holding elected positions at the local or regional level qualifies as a candidate for the first round. The two candidates who obtain the best results during the first round qualify for the second round.

On April 21, date of this year's first round of the election, Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate and current prime minister was unexpectedly eliminated from the presidential election. He scored third after Jacques Chirac, the conservative/centrist Rassemblement pour la République (RPR) candidate and current president, and after Jean-Marie Le Pen, the Front National candidate. The FN, as it is called in France, is an extreme right group notorious ("infamously notorious" for the majority of the French population, but obviously not for everyone since he received over 17% of the votes) for its politics on immigration, for a social program that many claim resembles Philippe Pétain's during the occupation of France during the Nazi occupation (family, work, fatherland), and for offensive declarations on the Holocaust.

All pre-election polls placed Jospin second in the first round of the election, which would have resulted in the universally expected Chirac-Jospin (conservative/centrist-socialist) confrontation for the second round of the elections. Le Pen's startling success has been described as no less than a political upset in France.

Since the elimination of Lionel Jospin last Sunday, journalists, politicians and just anyone you meet in the street, on any campus, at any middle school, or at the local baker, has been discussing the causes and the consequences of this so-called upset The reasons most commonly cited include a mixture of political ones and circumstantial ones such as:

1) The presence of no less than sixteen candidates (including one from the Green party, two from Trotskist parties, two from the extreme right and one representing the Hunting and Fishing community) which spread the votes very thin.
2) A high proportion of protest votes from citizens discontented with the recent performance both of the Left (considered by some as too conservative or not efficient enough) and of the Right (considered by some as too "leftist" and not efficient enough)
3) The strange political couple: conservative president and socialist prime minister, a situation that encouraged political compromise and that slowly erased the differences between the two tendencies: obviously, centrism displeased many.
4) A growing fear, among the population, of insecurity and juvenile delinquency in some neighborhoods and cities, some with a high percentage of immigrants - this fear is sometimes attributed to the news media's alarmist coverage of social problems and the stigmatization of the so-called population issue de l'immigration (children and grand children of first generation immigrants.)
5) Le Pen's portrayal of himself as a victim of political exclusion - thus appealing to minimum-wage workers, farm owners, and the unemployed —categories who received little any attention from the two main candidates.
6) His provocative speeches viewed as anti politically correct rhetoric. The FN candidate can be perceived as addressing problems that other political parties ignore.
7) Satirist Internet sites, magazines (notably Le canard enchaîné) and TV programs such as the political muppet-show-type series entitled *Les guignols de l'info* - who are now accused of undermining the two main candidates' credibility and unconsciously encouraging votes for "minor candidates."
8) A historically high abstention rate (28% nationally —and 32% in Paris) attributed not only to political apathy but also to the fact that this election took place in the middle of the Paris two-week spring break (and everyone knows the French dedication to vacations.)

One just needs to add up even a few of these parameters to end up with a score of 17.8% for a candidate who was close to not receiving the five hundred signatures he needed to qualify as a candidate for the first round.

The immediate political consequences of Le Pen's presence in the second round of the presidential election are the following:

1) A tidal wave of requests for proxy votes for the second round to counter the first round abstention rate.
2) A strong popular mobilization against any politics of exclusion —including from the high school and student population taxed, until now, of passivity and political ignorance.
3) The unlikely association of progressive and conservative groups to fight the same candidate.
4) The mobilization of most Left factions to vote for a conservative candidate, Chirac, to bar the FN from power.
5) The almost certain outcome of the second round, Chirac as a winner although, while the proportion of votes he receives next Sunday will reveal the strength of the anti-extreme-right movement, these votes will not tell his personal score since he will owe about half of his votes to his former opponent's, Lionel Jospin, collapse.
6) Supporters already preparing to fight the candidate they will vote for on Sunday the minute he is elected (many of Chirac's voters will vote against Le Pen, not for him.)
7) A consolidation of the Left (there is nothing like a good, obvious common enemy to appease internal battles!) at a time when the French Left is the most divided it has been in several decades.

This last point is of serious importance for the next French government. Indeed, June 2002 (barely six weeks from today) will see another major election in France, the election of the Parliament (l'assemblée nationale.) If the Left obtains a majority of seats at the Parliament, the newly elected president's first unpleasant duty will be to select a Socialist prime minister -instituting five more years of the difficult situation known as cohabitation.

If this week's demonstrations are any indication of the near future, one might thus end up with the following paradoxical situation: the current weakness of the Left in France -evidenced by the sanction of voters eliminating its main candidate from the second round— might prove to be the very reason for its revival: a massive revival with the youthful, motivated base it was lacking until one week ago. If this scenario turns out to be true, Le Pen would thus be the main cause for the Left's success at the June 2002 parliamentary elections.

But, before being able to verify this scenario in June, the second round of the presidential elections, on May 5th, will show if May 1st demonstrations are more than a fire of straw, and more importantly, it will show if Le Pen and the FN did benefit, as some claim, from exceptional circumstances to attain their first round score, or if they have, as others fear, vastly increased his electorate.

Now, this should keep people who complained that the 2002 presidential campaign was unexciting on their toes!

Martine Guyot-Bender
Associate Professor of French
2001-2002 HCJYF director-in-residence
Paris—France

So nice to see that the rules of email usage are equally respected by everyone. Never mind that students are reprimanded on a regular basis for misusing the mass-mailing lists, or that the lists weren't set up for venting one's emotions to the campus, or that not everyone wants to hear what Professor Stevens thinks about vandalism. Who cares?

Let's follow the lead of last year's display of childish temper tamtrums and name calling. After all, every member of the Hamilton community deserves to be chided and scorned by random faculty members whenever something distasteful happens on campus. Aren't we all just here to break stuff and get drunk?

Yes, it's disgusting that some members of this community can't seem to respect their environment. Yes the number of north face fleeces on this campus is pathetic. Yes there are people here who steal from each other and yes, unfortunately, those are the numbers that get the press around here.

Most people—faculty, staff, and student alike—seem to have no problem recognizing the simple fact that the vast majority of Hamilton students are honest, respectful, thoughtful individuals. It is always depressing to find out that there are still yet some people on this campus, who claim to be a part of this community, who are so far out of touch with the rest of us that they'll dismiss us as spoiled brats without a second thought

Clark Pettig, '03

Thumbs Up — Thumbs Down — Who Cares?

This week we would like to dedicate the entire Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down, and Who Cares to three wonderful events: Saturday's attempts at "the best party of the year," Gin and Juice. Sunday's 12 hour hour debacle called the Housing Lottery and Wednesday's 90 minute debacle know as Sean Fair's 21st birthday. (Yes folks, 21 shots, 90 minutes--more like 2/3 equals one man.)

Thumbs Up

- The drunken spectical that was Sean Fair '03 last Wed.

-Deciding to seek the warmer climate of The Little Pub last Saturday night

-Being a DU brother in the Housing Lottery....second victory of the year, huh guys

-Llamas: Faster and cleaner than the DKE buses

Thumbs Down

-Standing in the pouring rain at 5:00 a.m. in Boonville, NY on a Saturday night

-7-pull suites: about as useless as shorts in Central New York

-The RHC: Retarded Hippie Crackheads

-The Housing Lottery show getting snubbed by the Emmys

Who Cares?

-Ticket to DKE: $10, Finishing a 30 pack while waiting for the bus: $13.25, Taking an ambulance home: Priceless

-The name Gin and Juice....more like Beer and Rain

-Freshmen who didn't get rooms. Suck it up or pack it up

-Complaints from anyone who missed DKE or pulled G-Road

by Lauren Reynolds, Paul P. Jones & Chris Preston

Hamilton hosts mathematics conference

by Tim Evans '05
SCIENCE WRITER

Last Saturday, Hamilton College hosted the Ninth Annual Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference. The conference boasted over a hundred 10 -to-15 minute talks, mostly by undergraduates, and a fascinating keynote speaker. Hamilton was represented by senior math majors Kristin Schaefer, Laura Doucette, Ryan Thorpe, and David Kolb.

Schaefer's talk, "An Exploration of Simpson's Paradox," illustrated how weighted averages can provide seemingly impossible results. She extended this idea to explain the effect the race of a murderer's victim has on his probability of receiving the death penalty, and to questions of drug effectiveness, subscription renewal rates, and federal income tax rates.

Doucette's talk, "The Space Shuttle Challenger's Disaster: Could it Have Been Prevented?" followed. Doucette described how the 1986 tragedy could have been prevented by using a different statistical test. NASA knew that the design of O-rings inside the rocket boosters was faulty; one had failed on seven occasions. NASA had never launched a spacecraft below 61°F, so with the forecast at 31°F at the launch site in Florida, it had to decide whether to allow Challenger to launch. It claimed that data associating O-ring failure with cold weather was inconclusive and that there was no statistically significant relationship between the two. Doucette applied a statistical method that accommodates this, a permutation test. This test revealed that the association between cold weather and O-ring failure was less than 1% likely to occur by chance; in other words, that there is strong evidence of a correlation between the two. Had NASA used this test with the data it already had, the connection would have been clear, and, most likely, NASA would have cancelled the launch, thus preventing disaster.

Thorpe's talk followed on the analysis topic "Evaluation Functionals: Are They Continuous?"

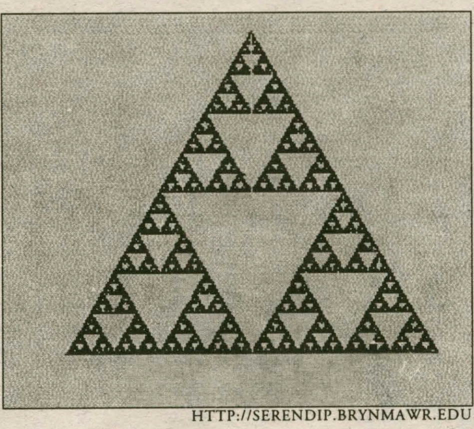
David Kolb gave the abstract algebra talk, "What Groups can be Represented as Automorphism Groups?" Kolb proved through contradiction that for an odd natural number n greater than one, Z_n is not the automorphism group of any group. He further proved, also through contradiction, that for $n=pq$ where p and q are distinct prime numbers, p is less than q, and p does not divide (q-1), any group of order n cannot be the automorphism group of any finite group.

Students and faculty attending the conference were welcomed by Niki Barron '02, a Hamilton math major, and David Paris, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. Barron described her experience at the conference during previous years: "The camaraderie is amazing, the talks are interesting, and everyone shares a common interest– a love of mathematics." Paris emphasized the value of undergraduate research by sharing an anecdote of his own senior project, "I was extra proud of that project because I owned it."

They keynote speaker, Robert L. Devaney, professor of mathematics at Boston University, spoke on "Chaos Games and Fractal Images." Devaney focuses his research on dynamic systems, a topic on which he has written over 70 research papers and has written or edited 10 books.

Devaney started out with a basic example of a chaos game. He showed three dots, one red, one blue, and one green, that formed an equilateral triangle, and an arbitrary point inside the triangle. The computer then randomly selected red, blue, or green, and the dot moved half the distance to the corresponding point. While this would seem to result in a "random mess," it actually results, after about 200,000 repetitions, in the Sierpinski triangle, a famous fractal. A fractal is an image that is self-similar; that is, when it is zoomed in or out on, it will be the same shape repeated over and over again.

The next fascinating thing about fractals, Devaney said, is that they can work "backwards"; that is, "you can read off the rules of the game that's played" from the resulting fractal. To demonstrate this, he gave a "quiz" in which he showed a fractal and had the audience figure out the number of vertices (starting points), the compression ratio (how far the point moves toward the vertex on each play), and the rotation the point undergoes on each play.



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Ever wonder what the "Magic Sierpinski Triangle" looks like? Well, now you know.

The most important application of this, Devaney reported, is data compression. He demonstrated that a fractal animation, which is made by rotating a fractal by a certain amount in each slide. He then pointed out that complicated fractal animations can be made with as few as five pieces of information: the location of the three vertices, the compression ratio, and how much to change the rotation in each slide. He also showed films created by inner city Boston high school students who make up Devaney's "Chaos Club."

Devaney next showed the "Chaos Game," an on-line game he created with Johanna Voolich, in which a specific triangle in the Sierpinski triangle is highlighted, and the player, using the rules of moving the arbitrary point halfway toward the vertex, must select the vertices to move the point into the target.

Next, Devaney showed an algorithm to turn a square into an image of a leaf, illustrating that any picture can be produced using fractal algorithm– he cited the Encarta picture of Abraham Lincoln as an example. He also told about Hollywood applications of chaos games: "mathematicians wrote chaos games that produced extraterrestrial landscapes" in movies. "This is a new kind of mathematics," Devaney said, "one that's very important," and one that combines linear algebra, geometry, and probability.

It's a Mathy-Wathy Double Whammy!

Ryan Thorpe '02

Major/minor: Math/Government

Why is math so cool? Well, there are infinitely many reasons (haha). No thesis, great professors...well, check out the department T-Shirt, "Top Ten Reasons to be a Math Major, Minor, or Wannabe at Hamilton College."

Favorite math class at Hamilton & why? That's tough. I have to say two courses, Topology and Functional Analysis. They are very different courses with two of my favorite professors (Bedient and Kantrowitz, resp.), but I was able to blend them in my research this summer.

Differential equations or real analysis–which is harder? Real Analysis all the way, baby, and it is considerably harder (no offense Professor Bedient).

Favorite mathematical theorem: Russell's Paradox is pretty cool, but I gotta go with the Heine-Borel Theorem.

Favorite Mathematician: If you mean alive, Rob Kantrowitz. If you mean dead, then Cauchy...He has done so much to help out future analysts like myself.

Isosceles or equilateral? Well, what about Scalene? But either way, equilateral...something about perfection is so nice. It has the biggest symmetry group as well.

Favorite Equation: Definitely the triangle inequality: $\|x+y\| <$ or = to $\|x\|+\|y\|$.

Favorite part of HRUMC: The keynote address by fractalist Bob Devaney.

In ten years: I will be proving Thorpe's Theorem...haha, just kidding. Hopefully standard in front of an eager college math class.

Words of mathematical wisdom: "A big epsilon is a sh**ty epsilon" (Thanks RK)

Ryan Thorpe '02

PLUS

Niki Barron '02

EQUALS:

This week's Mathy-Wathy Double Whammy!

Niki Barron '02

Major/minor: Math

Why is math so cool?
Math is awesome, especially at Hamilton. The professors, the other math majors, and the curriculum of the math department are amazing.

Favorite math class at Hamilton & why?
Definitely Differential Equations. My favorite part of the class was the presentations — I got to give two talks! Plus, Professor Bedient is fantastic.

Differential equations or real analysis– which is harder?
I thought Real Analysis was more challenging, but both classes are incredibly good, and I got a lot out of both of them. Both classes are taught by extraordinarily talented professors.

Isosceles or equilateral?
All types of triangles are great.

Favorite mathematical theorem?
Cayley-Hamilton theorem

Favorite mathematician:
Arthur Cayley, who was born on August 16, 1821, which is exactly 159 years before I was born.

Favorite equation:
Newton's Law of Cooling:
$dS/dt = -k(S-T)$

Favorite part of HRUMC:
Overall, my favorite part is that everyone shares a love for mathematics. I had great experiences the past two years that I attended the Conference at Vassar and Skidmore, but this year was spectacular because Hamilton was the host. The keynote address was fascinating, the shirts were great, and I got to drive the Jitney.

In ten years:
I will fondly think back to my four years on the Hill and also be very happy as an undergraduate admissions officer.

Words of mathematical wisdom:
Whenever you need an algebraic group to work with, always choose the quaternions!

There's no place like home: Adoption groups give orphaned animals a second chance at companionship

by Beth Scagnelli, '04
FEATURES WRITER

Every year, as graduating seniors begin to find apartments near new jobs and internships, many decide to adopt a pet that they had not been allowed to have while attending Hamilton. Pets like dogs and cats, as well as fish, rodents, and birds, are available in many pet stores across the country and can also be purchased from breeders. However, buying animals from pet stores or breeders is not economically efficient for a just-out-of-college individual. In addition, while pet stores and breeders produce more animals, millions of other potential pets are left homeless in animal shelters. Often, animals that are not adopted within a certain time period are euthanized to allow a new group of animals entrance to the shelter.

There are many animals that may never find homes who are currently living in shelters. Good shelters provide their animals with veterinary care and often even spay or neuter their cats and dogs. The animals that are found in pet stores many times are sick and have genetic and health problems. These animals are bred in puppy mills, where they are mass-produced in unsanitary, inhumane conditions. While purchasing one of these pets out of a store rescues that individual animal from sometimes squalid conditions, it perpetuates a market in which even more animals will be bred in a mill. By avoiding pet stores and adopting from shelters, you help discourage the growth of puppy mills while giving a needy animal a home at the same time.

There are hundreds, even thousands, of animal shelters across the country. Below are profiles of shelters in major U.S. cities.

New York City

The Center for Animal Care and Control (CACC) is a non-profit organization in NYC that rescues, cares for, and places homeless, neglected, and abandoned animals. There are five CACC shelters, one in each of the city's boroughs, and they are among the busiest shelters in the country. They rescue needy animals from anywhere in the city. CACC adoption counselors work with potential adopters to help them select an animal that suits their lifestyle and instructs them on how to help the pet adjust. Because the shelters spay and neuter all adopted animals, there is a small adoption fee required.

CACC also provides a "Lost and Found" service for pet owners in the city. Through this service, every animal adopted or returned to its owner through the shelters receives a microchip implant at no cost. Should the animal ever get lost, he or she can be tracked through the chip.

Because of their commitment to the well-being of the animals that come through the shelters, CACC employees try to make sure that the animals and potential owners "match" by using a screening process. The first step is a pre-adoption application that potential adopters fill out upon arrival at the shelter. They must also have a valid form of identification and two references available by phone during the screening process. The adoption staff also speaks with all family members who would be involved with the animal and asks about their expectations of pet ownership, experience with current or past pets, their lifestyle, any time constraints, and the type of pet they would like to adopt.

Upon adoption, the pet will have received vaccinations, a microchip, a veterinary exam, sterilization, and two free months of Pet Health Insurance. More than 56,000 stray, abandoned, and unwanted animals are accepted into CACC shelters annually, so there is definitely a needy pet out there for everyone. For more information, contact 1-888-SPAY-NYC.

Chicago

Lake Shore Animal Shelter (LSAS) is Chicago's first no-kill shelter, meaning that they will not euthanize any animal that enters the shelter. LSAS employees and volunteers have worked since 1966 to reduce the needless killing of pets through the development of adoption programs, spay and neuter promotion and referral, and public humane education efforts, and through community participation. Most of the animals that go through the shelter are family pets that must be given up due to their owners' health concerns, death, or financial problems. However, some of the animals are abandoned dogs and cats that have needed, and received, medical attention, but that are also adoptable. Steve Dale, a pet behavior expert, works with these abandoned animals to ensure that they are friendly and will lead full, happy lives with their future owners.

LSAS responds to roughly 120 calls per week, so they have many cats and dogs in their shelter currently seeking homes. To be able to give each animal in the shelter the care it deserves and to place as many animals as possible, foster homes, volunteers, and, of course, potential owners are always welcomed at the shelter. In Chicago in 1999, 40,000 cats and dogs were killed. LSAS is committed to increasing awareness about euthanasia, while at the same time helping needy animals find caring homes. For more information, call (312)409-1162.

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According to www.petfinder.com: "Bo is a 2-year-old American bulldog, about 70 lbs., white with black brindle markings. Major Bo needs a loving situation in an adult household: he's not good with young children. He's an energetic, playful dog who loves long walks and chew toys. Great companion for grown-ups."

Salt Lake City

The Pet Samaritan Fund of Salt Lake City, UT, is a non-profit organization dedicated to aiding needy animals in the Salt Lake City area. Like LSAS, the Fund is a no-kill shelter that provides care and medical assistance to all of their animals. They shelter sick, abandoned, and abused animals, as well as provide financial assistance for owners who cannot afford veterinary bills. They find homes for unwanted animals brought to hospitals to be euthanized and assist in spaying and neutering stray animals.

The Fund is also associated with the No More Homeless Pets in Utah coalition. Through this organization, Utah rescue groups, shelters, veterinarians, and animal control agencies work to end euthanasia of animals in Utah. The program provides discounts on spay and neuter operations (www.utahpets.org), as well as at Furburbia, an adoption center in Holladay, UT.

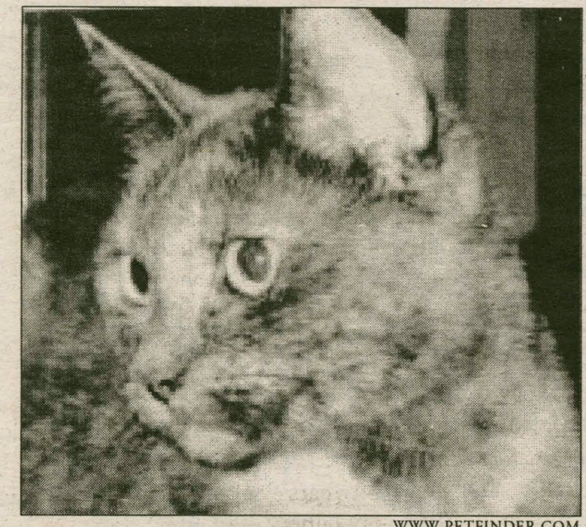
Potential adopters must fill out an adoption form and pay a fee, which covers the cost of spaying or neutering and the first set of vaccinations, which the animals received while at the Fund's shelter. For more information, call (801)277-9263.

Washington, D.C.

The Washington Humane Society places needy animals from their shelter in homes and investigates cruelty cases. The Washington Humane Society Humane Law Enforcement team looks into 2,000 cases of animal cruelty and neglect annually. Cases include dogs being chained, children torturing cats, and wild animals being set on fire. Such treatment of animals is inexcusable, and the Washington Humane Society is devoted to ending such cruelty. Animal abuse is hurtful and morally wrong,and it has been shown that people who abuse animals at a young age often hurt or kill other humans when they get older. Ending animal abuse will advance the well-being of both people and pets.

Adopting from the Washington Humane Society usually takes about one week. Adopters must first visit the shelter, meet with the volunteers and employees, and interact with animals they wish to bring home. Once an animal is selected, the potential owner must fill out an application. Once the application is reviewed, the adopter may be contacted to discuss it and the animal in question. His or her landlord will also be called to determine if pets are allowed in the potential owner's living space. Once the application is approved, a volunteer visits the home of the adopter to discuss the responsibilities of a pet owner. While this is happening, the animal will visit a clinic to be spayed or neutered. Once this is completed, the adopter will pick up his or her new pet, paying a small fee. For more information, call (202)723-5730.

There are obviously many needy animals in shelters at the moment seeking homes. Purchasing animals from shops and breeders perpetuates the inhumane assembly line treatment of animals in puppy mills. While many potential animal buyers go to stores and breeders in search of pure-bred dogs and cats, one in four shelter animals have been shown to have a pedigree. When looking for a pet, visit an animal shelter first. In 1999, four to six million potential pets were destroyed across the country due to shelter overpopulation and lack of interest in shelter animals, in addition to irresponsible human behaviors, such as refusal to spay or neuter pets, abandonment, and the giving up of an animal for frivolous reasons. Seniors, if you or a friend are looking for a pet, approach your local animal shelters and rescue one of the millions of lovable yet homeless animals in the country. To find shelters near your area, visit *www.petfinder.org*.



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According to the adoption website, www.petfinder.com: "Gigi is a beautiful 4-year old light colored tortoiseshell with a sad story. She is now happy in foster care by herself, but she is very lonely. Gigi is afectionate and loves people, and she misses having someone to curl up next to and keep her company."

Hamilton's Greek Life examined: Facts, fiction, and the future of societies on the Hill

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Would Hamilton be better if Greek houses still existed? It's a question that has come up repeatedly since the 1995 decision to ban Greek housing, and, as we end the 2001-2002 school year, it is still a topic of debate seven years later, not only on the Hill, but also off campus (Dartmouth Review, anyone?). Since 1995, Hamilton's national rankings have increased slightly, while the omnipresent feelings of frustration over the social scene and Greek life have risen dramatically. However, according to many members of the administration, the outlook for the future of Hamilton is bright. In the years since the decision, residential and social options have increased, the school has regained its place in national rankings, and Greek life continues to thrive. While many acknowledge that a full transition has not yet been completed, the feeling that Hamilton is headed in the right direction is prevalent.

According to a letter addressed to the Hamilton community from Kevin Kennedy '71, chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time of the decision, the choice to ban houses was both "emotional" and "not easy." The Report of the Residential Life Committee (available for perusal in the Res Life office) acknowledges the long-standing tradition of Greek life at Hamilton (nine members of the Committee were fraternity members) and expresses the belief that "the bonds formed among private society members are deep and essentially positive, and...should not only be protected but also advanced to all Hamilton students...in a variety of new residential and social organizations."

> ***"We live in a changing world, and we're dealing with that. I really think that Hamilton has done the best thing with Greek life in the sense that most small schools are doing away with Greeks."***
> **-Dave Lyons '03**

The original argument for the disbanding of Greek houses stemmed from two main points: Hamilton was losing top-quality applicants wary of the Greek system to competing universities and had developed a social reputation that had negative affects on the school's national ranking and status. A research study by George Dehne & Associates found that women were consistently disappointed with the dominating Greek presence, and that high-performing students in general "are less favorably disposed to colleges whose social lives are dominated by private societies." Hamilton was accepting nearly half of its applicants, losing prestige, attracting more students interested in the party scene as opposed to academic upstanding, and slipping in ranking, falling out of *US News & World Report*'s top 25 liberal arts colleges during the early 90s for the first time since the creation of the list. Top schools were following a pattern of getting rid of Greek societies entirely. Instead of taking things that far, the trustees made the decision to eliminate Greek housing, while still preserving the societies.

Since then, admission has become more selective, with each matriculating year sporting higher test scores and lower acceptance rates. Hamilton is currently ranked 20th along with Colby College in the USN&WR list. However, at the same time, the college has social unrest, a number of DWI-DUI related incidents, late-night Jitney driver harassment, and a decline in town-gown relations, resulting in an open Town Hall Meeting with members of the Clinton community last fall to discuss problems. Whether these situations are directly related to the loss of Greek houses is questionable. Maybe we are just "spoiled, whiny brats" (as one professor dubbed Ham Tech students last year) who, in grappling with a way to keep our weekends occupied, have become self-destructive.

To get to the bottom of all this, I spoke with a variety of members of the community, both students and administrators, on the past, present, and future state of Hamilton in terms of social options, residential options, the preservation of Greek societies, and the environment of the school as a whole.

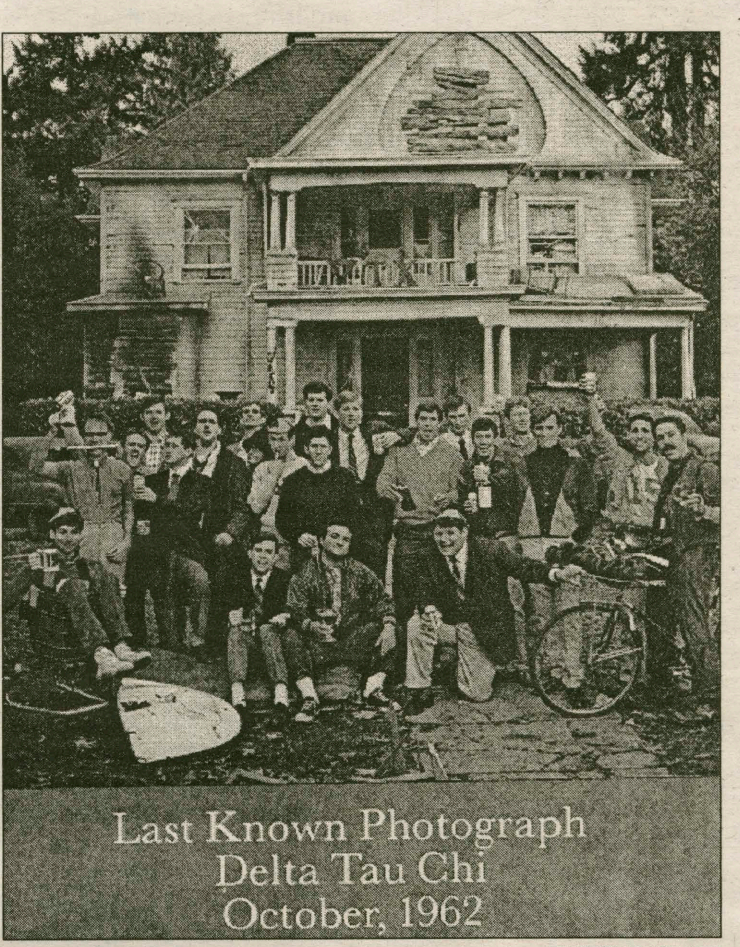
Many students have heard that DUI and DWI arrests have increased since 1995, but, in fact, numbers have stayed relatively constant.

DUI/DWI arrests for the Town of Kirkland (both students and non-students) numbered 41 in 1995 and only 33 in 2001, varying between the low in 2001 and a high of 45 during the seven years in between.

Students interviewed for this article also had generally negative views about the social options and restrictions on Greek parties. "I don't know what Hamilton would be like with frat houses, but I wish we had them," one student laments. "All of my friends from other schools talk about hanging out at them, and I do feel as though I am missing out on some part of the college experience." Heather Koniz '04 agrees: "With houses, there would be more parties on a regular basis than just an occasional Bundy party that gets packed because everyone is like, "Wow!! There's a party, let's go!"

An anonymous sophomore had a similar opinion on Bundy parties: "The rooms that are allocated to the general student body here at Hamilton are not big enough to accommodate a large quantity of people. Granted, we have Bundy as a 'social option,' but that scene turned old for many of us after only a few consecutive weekends. The problem with Bundy is that, each week, each party is the same, regardless of who is sponsoring the gathering." According to Jon Murphy '04, the best places to party are found far away from the Hill. "The best parties are off-campus ones, like Gin & Juice and Nothin' Fancy, and parties at the Breakaway. There is greater ability off-campus to cater more to what college kids want at a party without worrying about a clash with the administration."

The cry for increased social options on campus among Hamilton students has grown stronger in the past few years. "Obviously, the school cannot support drinking or, for that matter, underage drinking, but they can provide spaces to hang and bang," Graham Stephens '04 argues. "Small spaces and big spaces. Maybe a student center would help. The school needs to start spending money on what the students want." While discussion for a revamping of ELS as a student union has been seriously considered by members of the community (including the construction of a convenience store, cafe, and porch and the transfer of student activities offices from Bristol), any plans to make final decisions or undergo construction are at least a full school year away while the school focuses its energy on the new Science Building and parking lot/dorm renovation. The availability of the TDX basement as a social space has also been brought up, with mixed results. The effect: the repetition of the phrase "There is nothing to do on this campus!" over and over again.



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Hamilton may keep the Animal, but they have lost the House, probably forever. Since the 1995 change, academic rankings have increased, but students have continued to be concerned about social options.

"As a member of the Student Activities Office, advisor to CAB, and supporter of student organizations campus-wide, I find it hard to sympathize with the complaint that there is nothing to do," claims Cameo Voltz, interim assistant director of student activities. "My initial response to the sentiment is questioning whether it is truly, 'there is nothing to do on campus,' or 'it is not easy enough for me to drink on campus.' This is an entirely different topic that extends beyond the control of this or any college, and into discussions of drinking age, etc.

"As a fellow member of this community, I am fully aware of the limitations of living in a small town, especially when coming from a larger population. I am also fully aware that I was the person who made the decision to come here and hold myself accountable for finding things to do within the framework of what there is or isn't to do in the area. I hold the students accountable for what there is to do at Hamilton. My response to the statement that there is nothing to do on campus is simple: Be one of the participating students and determine the fate of social life on campus rather than complaining about it. If students take some responsibility and follow up on complaints with action, solutions are quite easy to find."

Lisa Magnarelli '96, director of student activities, shares a similar view: "It is not the College's responsibility to improve social options. It's the students'. Organizations and individuals need to start using the resources and facilities available to them to improve the social life here on campus. We [administrators] are happy to work with students towards this goal, but can't do it for them. And there's that pesky little law that states that students under the age of 21 can't legally consume alcohol. If I could change it, I would.....it would make my job a lot easier.

"I agree with Cameo in that there are two very separate questions that need to be addressed: Is there nothing to do on campus? Or is there nothing to do with alcohol? To answer the first, there is plenty to do on campus -- just take a look at the master events cal-

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Tattoos and piercings: body art, Hamilton style

by Amy Kopriva '02 and Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITORS

Tattoos and piercings, though not common on the Hamilton College campus, are slowly making the climb up the Hill. We interviewed five bearers of body art about their experiences, motivations, and thoughts on the subject:

Q: What do you have and when did you get it?

Julie Loder '02 (JL):
Two ear-lobe piercings in each ear—the first when I was in 2nd grade, the second 2ish years ago, a navel piercing when I was 18, a nose ring when I was 16, a bar that goes through two holes in my upper-ear (connects the two holes—sorry if you cannot picture this) when I was 20.

Heather Onderick '02 (HO):
I have a black Aztec sun tattoo. To me it symbolizes my love to play in the sun, yet the dark side I have as I learn to be in touch with myself. I also just removed my eyebrow ring.

Deirdre Kirby '02 (DK):
Tongue piercing, sophomore year.

Kate Nocera '05 (KN):
I have my tongue pierced, and I got it pierced last June, so I've had it for almost a year now. I also have had my belly button pierced.

Beth Rowntree '02 (BR):
I have a sun on my ankle. I got it as a junior in highsSchool. I also have a rose on my back; I got it as a freshman in college.

Q: What motivated your decision?

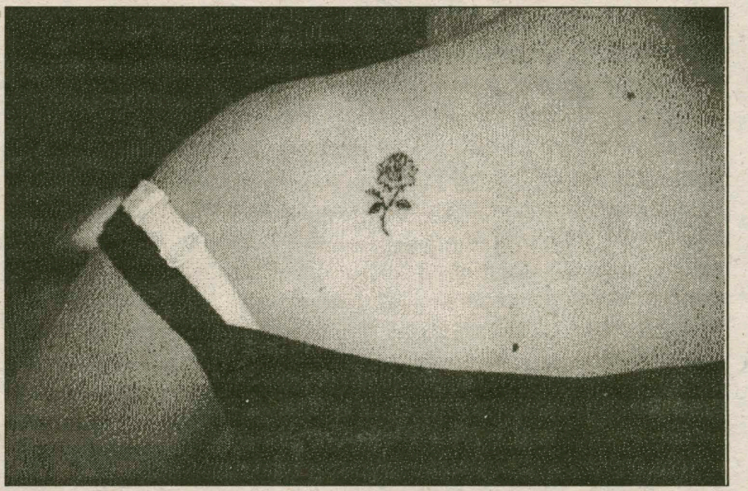
JL: Hmmm... sometimes transitions—to or from schools, to or from boys, or other changes that feel major at the time—otherwise they have had purely aesthetic motivations.

HO: I wanted something that would be a part of me but never change, that is, unless I gain a lot of weight. For my eyebrow ring, I loved the style of it and knew I had a year to do something wild with the last year of college that the real world wouldn't accept.

DK: I just wanted it, and my roommate had one and liked it.

KN: I'd always wanted my tongue pierced. I like the way it looks a lot, and it seemed different to me. It's also really fun to play with when I get bored in class.

BR: I always knew I wanted a tattoo. The first one my mom said she'd take me, because I needed her permission, and I figured that it would either be then or not for a long time. The second one was with my best friend, and it was spur-of-the-moment.



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One female member of the Hamilton community displays her permanent floral back decoration. Evidence of tattoos has dated as far back as 3,000 years ago. Polynesian tribes used to use small hammers and needles to tap the ink into the skin.

Q: Do you think that this means of expression (if you even think it is that) is becoming common or mainstream, or is it still viewed as kind of strange by a lot of people?

JL: Hmm... certain piercing are much more mainstream than they used to be, i.e. belly buttons , etc. different piercings have different social stigmas.

HO: I think it is becoming more socially accepted, but if the tattoo is visible and of monsters or something violent, then it might not be
interpreted as the person with the tattoo wanted.

DK: It is a means of expression, but is becoming mainstream to a degree. I think that one or two is accepted, but excessive is still strange.

KN: I think tongue rings are pretty mainstream. I didn't do it to express myself artistically. I'm from an area where pretty much people have their whole faces pierced, so mine was pretty tame. My grandmother told me she wanted to rip it out, but she's the only person who has really cared about it. Often times people don't even notice it.

BR: I think many people still think it is strange, and even disagree with it, but maybe people our age and younger are immune to it, and it is coming closer to mainstream... People say "Cool tattoos!" or "What do they mean?" or "They're small and conservative." or "Won't you regret that?"

Q: How long do you plan on keeping it (if removable)?

JL: I never remove my jewelry because I'm too lazy, and most of it is a real pain to get out/off because the stuff I wear is meant to be worn semi- permanently—not changed, say, by the outfit.

HO: Forever and ever and ever, evah! I kept my eyebrow ring for the year.

DK: I kept it for a year.

KN: I was thinking about keeping it through college. I don't think I'd want to keep it in the professional world, but maybe. Haven't thought that far ahead.

BR: Not really easily removable.

Q: If you have a tattoo, did you design it yourself, or was it predesigned?

JL: I have a small tattoo on my finger that I did not design. I went to a tattoo place to get a personal one drawn, but I had to get so psyched to get in there and deal with that horrible buzzing that I thought I'd never go back to get the one the guy was going to draw for me. I've always liked hands and hand jewelry, but wearing rings annoys me, so I though I'd get a permanent decoration put on.

HO: I had an idea and that one fit; when I saw it, I knew.

BR: Pre-designed.

Q: Was there a lot of pain involved in getting your tattoo/piercing done? How would you describe the pain?

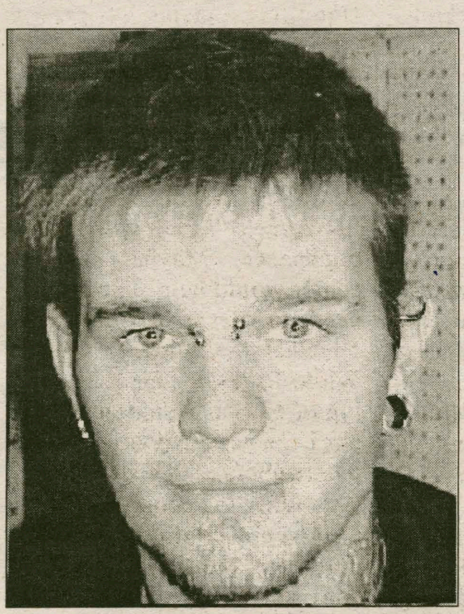
JL: Hmm... the most outright painful piercing I have is the bar in my ear because it is cartilage and because the holes are big, so it displaced a lot of tissue when they did it. It hurt for a long time, too, I couldn't sleep on that side of my head for over a year. It was worth it, though, I quite like that piece of jewelry. The pain? When it's bad—hot, stinging metal, and then afterwards, aching and throbbing. A minor soft-tissue piercing is not so bad, more weird than bad. When they pull the jewelry through the hole, that is weird, kind of fingernails-on-a-chalkboard-sensation.

HO: Not too much; I have a high pain threshold. The eyebrow piercing was a clamp and then slam, a little more pain than the tattoo.

DK: From a scale of 1 to 10, I would say that it is about a 4.5, not too bad, a little worse than getting your ears pierced.

KN: Um, it really didn't hurt that much. It was a very weird sensation. My belly button hurt more to get pierced. Eating with it was really awkward at first, but it's fine now.

BR: No pain- just annoying pricks.



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Boz, who does not go to Hamilton, displays a wide range of facial body art. Pro: get noticed easily. Cons: metal detectors, infection, lightning.

Greek Life

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endar. Many students work very hard to sponsor a wide variety of events that appeal to the majority, but most do not involve alcohol. Which in essence answers the second question. The College provides the places and the means for students to have parties; we can't do much more. We can't provide alcohol for students under the age of 21. [That is]not our rule -- that's mandated by the state. And as the administrator who signs the alcohol forms, I'm not willing to risk my job or my future livelihood so students can drink underage." (Those students of legal drinking age, however, can enjoy the benefit of having the Little Pub on campus - the creation of which was a result of the Trustees' desire to provide more social spaces for students to convene after the removal of the houses.)

The effect of the lack of Greek housing on Residential Life also raised a number of issues, including damages, Greek presences dominating specific dorms, and housing options in general. "At the time of the decision, there was talk of unfairness in residential life - men in fraternities had housing options that women did not," explains Rebecca Reed-Kantrowitz, director of residential life. "The houses were in disrepair and were not getting the attention that college-regulated dorms were. We did a lot of reviewing and studying all different kinds of housing systems at a number of different colleges to see different ways of doing things. The decision was never to disband the Greek system. It's very true that this community values the leadership opportunities students gain from involvement with societies."

While the rise in damage to residence halls has increased slightly since the decision, the numbers are not that different from those posted before the 1995-96 school year. Higher damages are consistently reported in "party dorms" such as Bundy East, Carnegie, South, and Milbank, but it is unfair to associate these statistics with Greek presence in the dorms.

"Is there a correlation?" Reed-Kantrowitz asks. "The answer to that would have to be investigated more fully. Damages come not only from residents of the dorms, but from guests and visitors passing through as well. Are we seeing some behavior from the houses in the dorms? Absolutely. We foresaw it. That's why, over the past few years, we've made the RA-to-student ratio 1:30 and enforced strict 60/40 gen-

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der ratios. We've strengthened Campus Safety to deal with some of that behavior, and RAs routinely do walk-throughs of buildings during the weekends to maintain control."

Of the decisions to break up larger pulls (seen most recently in the restructuring of Milbank and Babbitt), Reed-Kantrowitz reminds students that the decisions come not from the office of Res Life (which usually gets blamed), but from the Residential Hall Council. "They definitely struggled with how larger groups affect living environments for all students," she says, "and the decision to break up the pulls was student-supported. The largest pull on campus used to be 12, but now it's down to 7."

For Heather Koniz, as well as a number of students on campus, Greek-dominated dorms present residential dilemmas. "I do wish we had houses on campus," Koniz says. "For one, it would provide more of a social scene and greater options for all students on campus to gather together. In addition, houses would eliminate the overpopulation of fraternity brothers in dorms. This would allow other, non-society-oriented individuals to iive in areas with their friends without being subjected to loud fraternity gatherings if they do not want to be involved."

In response to this complaint, as well as the typical associations of certain Greek societies with specific dorms, Reed-Kantrowitz responds, "We offer the same options to everyone. If groups decide they want to live in a specific building and are able to do so and keep within Res Life policies, we have no control over where they choose to live. We cannot deny students the ability to live with their friends."

Complaints blaming housing crunches and summer wait-lists as a result of the lack of Greek houses also fall through, according to Reed-Kantrowitz: "Since the Res Life decision, seven new housing options became available for students (Rogers, Farmhouse, Saunders, Eels, Ferguson, Woollcott, & Griffin Road). These have been exceptionally successful and are the top choices in the housing lottery year after year, which I think is something people often forget. We've also increased the number of smoke-free and substance-free dorms on campus to accommodate a wider variety of students. Any 'housing crunches' that exist have nothing to do with a lack of Greek housing, since old Greek houses were renovated and greatly expanded and are in use today."

And what of the effects of Greek society members themselves? Some of the stately Greek mansions continue to be renovated into dorms and office spaces, while others (including the Psi Upsilon house, which was considered to be the largest fraternity house east of the Mississippi when it was still active), sit dilapidated and abandoned. Brothers are left with traditions, but no true place to carry them out. "Being a fraternity member still has benefits and means a tremendous deal to me, but it is not the same without the house," Graham Stephens, a brother of Psi Upsilon, says. "The possibilities when a house is available far exceed the limitations of living in a dorm."

Jon Murphy, a brother of Delta Kappa Epsilon, agrees: "Brothers have to spread out more, so there's not as much 'brotherhood,' and it's a lot harder to stay in touch and see each other. Fraternities don't really have much symbolism anymore. Once you take away the house and all the things that go along with it, there is nothing to separate us from other clubs."

"Not all fraternities are the same, but here, without a house to expose different tastes and interests, each fraternity is clumped together into one category," a brother of Tau Kappa Epsilon complains. "I have friends at a school similar to Hamilton with Greek houses, and their school is trying to make sanctions on the fraternities. If these sanctions continue to be enforced, their houses may no longer exist. Because of this possibility, it is very visible that the fraternities are on the same team. They are friends with each other and work together because they have a common goal. Fraternities at other schools know that if they don't support each other, the traditions that they have will be lost. That common goal, along with tradition, has already been lost here at Hamilton. This may be part of the reason so many fraternities do not get along here, even though this is such a small campus."

However, Dave Lyons '03, president of both Delta Kappa Epsilon and the Inter-Society Council, believes that Hamilton has done, and continues to do, right by its Greek societies. "I think we have a really unique Greek system," Lyons explains. "Without houses, you get rid of the negative stories that come out of Greek life, such as the stereotypical Animal House-type thoughts. Potentially, living with or next to other society members, and also near people not in societies, integrates Greeks into the community a lot more, which is really great. For that reason, Greek life is not as dominating, which is a good thing.

"I do think it's harder to create social options without houses, and there is some pressure on Greek societies to provide the school with parties," Lyons says. He cites the ISC's recent Greek Weekend festivities as a "mini-test" to see how ISC might work as a social option. Overall, however, he advises students to "work within the system and create more options on your own.

"A lot of us complain about the restrictions put on us by having to go through the school to create social options, but, in reality, the restrictions are not much different than most schools of our class. We live in a changing world, and we're dealing with that. I really think that Hamilton has done the best thing with Greek life in the sense that most small schools are doing away with Greeks. It seems to be the easiest way to fix the problem, but Hamilton saw a better way in preserving societies. I think houses are great, and I think they'd be great here, but given society's perspective on Greek houses right now, I think Hamilton made a good decision in taking away houses without taking away societies. Students need to reevaluate where they are. We never had houses when anyone on campus was here. This is the way Greek life is, and this is the way it will be."

Overall, Rebecca Reed-Kantrowitz, who has been with the college for fourteen years, is positive about the direction in which Hamilton is moving. "From my perspective, I think the environment for students seriously interested in academics and leadership and the opportunity to be a part of the community is much healthier now than in the years previous to the Res Life decision," she declares. "The alcohol environment has been limited, and boundaries have been set. Because the school has had to take more control of social activities in recent years, we have implemented programs such as TRACK, TIPS, and social hosting. Students may not see these as necessarily positive, but they definitely contribute to a healthy environment overall. While issues about social options remain unresolved, the community is looking for options for students to socialize outside of dorms. I'm not sure we've provided students with the right combination of alcohol and non-alcohol related spaces, but I do feel we've made some really good choices, and the playing field is much more balanced now than it has been in the past."

Lisa Magnarelli leaves students with the following message: "The houses are gone. They are not coming back. To keep dwelling on it is an enormous waste of time. That's the reality – now what are you going to do about it?"

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Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society to Perform Dvorák's Requiem

Clinton, NY - The Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society, directed by G. Roberts Kolb, will perform Antonín Dvorák's Requiem on Tuesday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center on the campus of Hamilton College. The featured soloists are Lauralyn Kolb soprano; Martha Sutter, mezzo-soprano; Todd Greer, tenor; and Timothy LeFebvre, baritone.

Antonín Dvorák (1841-1904) is considered to be one of the most well known Czech composers of the Romantic period. His musical career began as an organist. Dvorak took his formal training at the Organ College in Prague and found a job as an organist in a small church. Johannes Brahms introduced Dvorak to a famous publisher and helped him qualify for an Austrian state fellowship for artists. Dvorak's *Slavonic Dances* launched his international reputation. Operas and symphonies followed and he earned enough from his musical compositions to resign his organist job. In 1892 he was invited to become the director of the National Conservatory of Music in New York. In 1894 Dvorak returned home, and for the last ten years of his life he continued to compose.

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The Hamilton College Oratorio Society will perform this Tuesday in Wellin Hall.

Soprano Lauralyn Kolb has given over 75 performances of major works with a variety of organizations, including the Buffalo Philharmonic and the Syracuse Symphony. Her recitals of songs by women composers have been of particular interest, and she has recorded *Lieder* by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel with pianist Arlene Shrut, for Centaur Records, and *Songs* by Clara Schumann, Poldowski, and Amy Beach, with pianist Don McMahon, for Albany Records. An expert on the songs of American art song composer John Duke, Ms. Kolb has recorded a recently released CD of Duke's songs for New World Records. She teaches voice at both Hamilton College and Colgate University.

A frequent performer in the area, Martha Sutter has been a soloist with the Syracuse Symphony, the Syracuse Baroque Society, the Society for New Music, the Syracuse Camerata, as well as the choruses at Hamilton, Colgate, Cornell, and Syracuse University. Ms. Sutter's opera experience includes roles with the Artpark, Oswego, and Syracuse Opera companies. A past Chorus Master for Syracuse Opera, Sutter is a member of the faculty at the Syracuse University School of Music.

Tenor Todd Geer recently completed an Adler Fellowship with San Francisco Opera, where he performed as a resident artist for two seasons. After his professional debut with Syracuse Opera as Ferrando in *Così fan tutte*, the young tenor became a resident artist of Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, N.Y. A frequent concert and oratorio singer, Mr. Geer made his European debut in 1996 singing *Carmina Burana* in the Arena de Nimes, Annecy, and Aix en Provence. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Mr. Geer holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music and Binghamton University. He was a recipient of the Richard F. Gold career grant from the Shoshana Foundation and was a prizewinner in the 1999 MacAllister Competition.

Baritone Timothy LeFebvre is a frequent performer with Tri-Cities Opera in Binghamton, NY, having sung leading roles in numerous productions. He has appeared in opera engagements with several regional companies including Indianapolis Opera, Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, Central Florida Lyric Opera, Ithaca Opera, and Saratoga Opera. Mr. LeFebvre is a recent winner of the Liederkranz Vocal Competition, where he sang in the winner's concert at Alice Tully Hall in New York City. An Adjunct Lecturer in Voice at Binghamton University, he has received the Richard F. Gold Career Grant and an Opera Fellowship at Binghamton University and was a semi-finalist in the Baltimore Opera Vocal Competition. He is a featured singer on a recently released CD of Beethoven folk songs, The Pulse of an Irishman.

Dvorák's *Requiem* by the Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society will be performed on Tuesday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall. Tickets for the concert are $6.00 for the general public, $4.00 for senior citizens and students, and free for Hamilton College students. For ticket reservations or more information, call the Box Office at 859-4331.

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Alternative Weekend: at the movies

by Whit Rothe '05

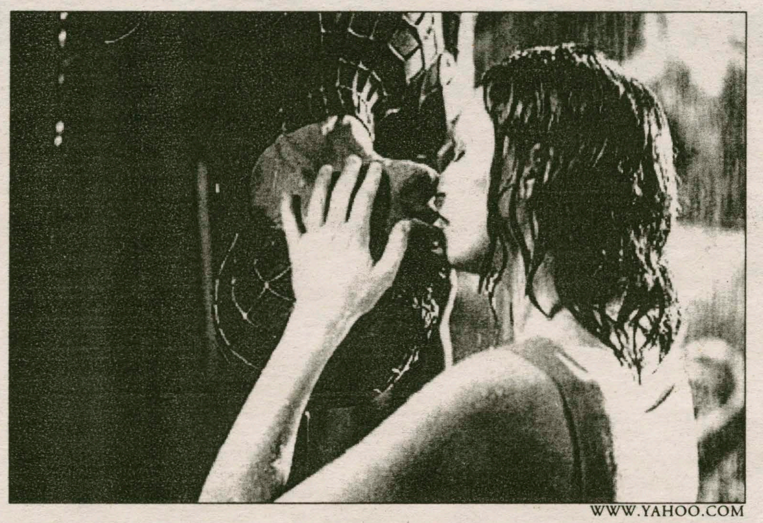
In case you were scared of being bored this month, here is a list of upcoming movies that will keep you busy and distracted all through your exams.

Spiderman - release date - May 3

This Friday, the first of the highly anticipated summer blockbusters is finally making its debut. The Spiderman movie has been in the works for years, and it is finally hitting theaters, to the relief of some antsy fans. The film was originally going to be James Cameron's follow-up to *Titanic*, but he ditched the project in order to start work on *Terminator 3*. The movie was picked up by Sami Raimi (*Evil Dead*, *The Quick and the Dead*) and was supposed to be in theaters last fall after numerous delays, but Spidey was pushed back even further because of images of the World Trade Center in the film. Well, the wait is over, and it will be interesting to see how well the Raimi adapted the comic. The movie will offer just an introduction to the adventures of Peter Parker, showing his character's origin (he was bitten by a radioactive spider and given superpowers), his hiring at *The Daily Bugle*, a battle with the Green Goblin, and his relationship with Mary Jane Watson. If that isn't enough for you, there are sequels already in the works. Expect *Spiderman 2* in 2004.

Hollywood Ending - release date - May 3

With all of the hype of *Spiderman*, *Hollywood Ending* has been relatively overlooked, although it seems that all of Woody Allen's films haven't been widely received outside of Los Angeles and New York City since *Annie Hall*. (Did anyone see *The Curse of the Jade Scorpion* last year?). While the majority of Allen's films have been terrific (*Small Time Crooks*, *Manhattan*, to name a few), they have never been about big-budget spectacles, and this one looks no different.



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Spiderman will hit Sangertown Square this Friday.

Hollywood Ending is about washed-up Hollywood director Val Waxman (Allen, of course), who has gotten his first film offer in 30 years. However, Waxman is stricken temporarily blind with paranoia and decides to shoot the film anyway while his friends cover it up to the producers and executives. A good option even if there are still tickets available to *Spiderman*.

Star Wars Episode II: The Attack of the Clones - release date - May 16

For those of you have been hiding in the Tora-Bora caves and haven't heard, there is a new chapter in the *Star Wars* saga coming out in about two weeks. Easily the most anticipated movie of this year (*Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* tied for a close second), this one will be watched with nervousness. After the debacle that was *Episode I* (Jar Jar Binks, Jake Lloyd as Anakin, stale dialogue), fans are looking forward to George Lucas's redemption, and they will probably get their wish. With trailers promising Boba Fett's father, massive lightsaber battles, and even Yoda shooting lightening bolts and kicking some major tail, it looks like Attack of the Clones will actually be worthy of carrying the Star Wars name. Good luck trying to get a ticket.

Artsy Fartsy

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He is a senior studio art major with a concentration in ceramics. He is an RA and also drives the jitney ("I am NOT Uncle Jitney!" he exclaims). He used to be a member of Bobby Peru *but quit because he didn't think they were funny at all. His senior project is on display at the KAC. This week's Artsy Fartsy is Mitchell Morse '02.*

"Everything happens for a reason. Don't be afraid to be yourself!"

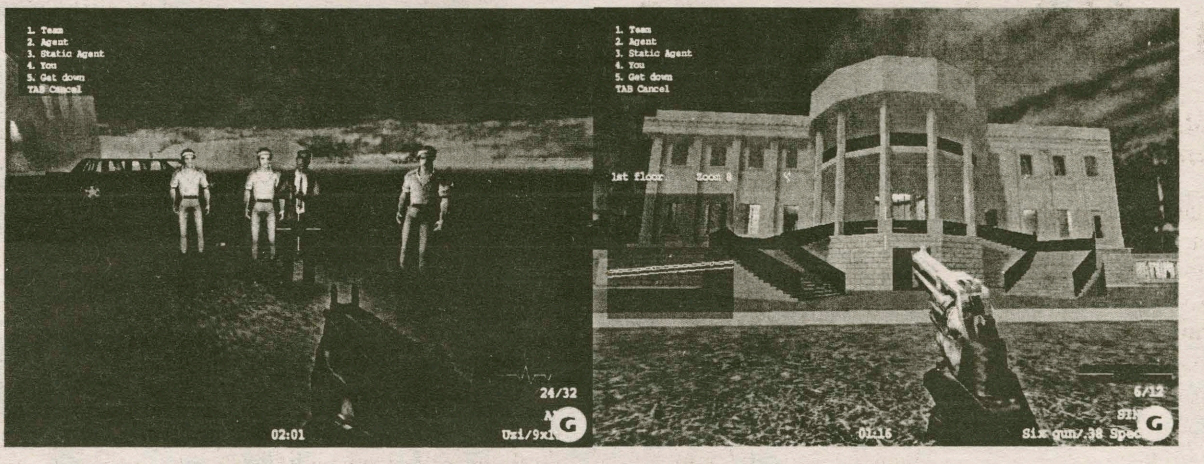
Home?
Santa Cruz, California.
I am...
Unpredictable,moody, critical, restless.
Why Hamilton?
I don't know. I just chose it.
Likes?
Hanging with the girls in the faculty apartment! You know who you are!
Influences?
Robert Pulaski, my advisor. He really pushes you to do your best.
Favorite movie?
I love chick flicks, so it would have to be The Wedding Planner.
Favorite Song?
Anything by Little Kim.
Noboby knows?
That Reagan and I are not dating!
If I could have dinner with anyone...
It would have to be with the richest man who found me attractive or Matthew McConaughey, for obvious reasons!
10 years from now I will be?
Not here! Living comfortably off my husband's money.
Thoughts on graduation?
I am ready to leave and move on.
Art at Hamilton...
Is insuffienctly funded. There are not enough resources or faculty.
Words of wisdom?
Don't ever make out in a car in a lighted parking lot!

The Gaming Corner **by Mithat Yaltir '03**

Secret Service

I watched Clint Eastwood in *In the Line of Fire*, where he plays an old secret service agent. The movie was pretty interesting because Eastwood's character is one of the agents who were protecting President Kennedy during his assassination in Dallas. During the movie I thought that it would be very cool to play a game that gives gamers a taste of life as a secret service agent.

While looking through the list of recently published games, I found exactly what I was looking for: *Secret Service: In Harms Way*. *FUN Labs* developed and *Activision* published *Secret Service*, a first-person tactical shooter, during the last days of 2001. It is clear that gamers assume the role of a secret service agent and put their lives on the line to protect VIPs. The irony in this job is to dodge all the bullets that are aimed at the agent, but they may have to take a bullet that was aimed at VIPs such as the President.



The first mission is to escort the U.S. National Security Adviser to a destination that you do not have clearance to know. Not surprisingly, the convoy is ambushed at a Middle-Eastern urban location. Our agent starts inside a building that has no windows and he is safe from bullets (at least for a while.) However, the VIP is standing right next to him, so you don't have much time before the bad guys show up.

This game is extremely tough. An army of bad guys just floods your location if you stay there for a long time. Another thing– if you stay alive, that is good, but just not enough. If the VIP dies, the mission is over, and you say goodbye to the secret service. The AI doesn't help you either. When under fire, the VIP ducks, but does not run for cover. Therefore, you have to make sure the VIP is in a safe place before taking on the bad guys. This may sound like a feature that makes the game realistic, but when you consider the way your fellow agents act, it is clear that the AI is pretty bad.

Did I mention that the game was very hard? As a matter of fact, I didn't even get past the first level. The game is a tactical shooter, so your men can stand a couple of shots, but that is all. In addition, the game doesn't let you save during the mission. My basic problem was staying alive. I just couldn't keep the VIP from dying and at the same time keep myself alive.

On the *Gamespot* website I read that there are 16 missions in total for this game. I was thinking to myself, if the first level was this hard, what would the last level look like. The reviewer says that the last mission is piece of cake when compared to the first. From the same website, I also learned that in some missions, they put some other agents under your command. From the screen shots, it is clear that the gamers choose the supplies and weapons for them. However, given the weak AI, these missions' prospects are not very good.

Deathmatch, capture-the-flag, and other usual multiplayer options are included. The retail price is pretty decent too, only $30. So if you are looking for new maps or just to try something new, *Secret Service* may serve this purpose.

All in all, this game offers a unique environment that may be improved. Maybe if there is enough demand, the producers will build on it and make it even better. For now, it is a very tough game with unstable AI.

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Top ten sports movies of all time

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Sitting on my sofa trying to determine which movies I will watch the night before my last baseball game of the season, I realized that I always settle on the sports movies. Like Braves centerfielder Andruw Jones and his favorite stripper, I can't take my eyes off of them the night before a game. This led me to try and determine which one is my favorite, which led to a top ten list, which ultimately led to this article.

The question of which is the greatest sports movie of all-time has plagued sports scribes and movie critics since The Babe Ruth Story was first shown on screen. That all comes to a rest today. I, Brett Zalaski, have developed a full proof list of the greatest sports movies ever made. Other lists have spent too much time taking into consideration such things as the acting, the plot, and the directing. There has not been enough time spent on the movie for pure entertainment value. Of course biased towards baseball, as you might have told by my last article (keep on laughing, I liked it), I was forced to push that out the window and judge strictly on the most entertaining sports movies of all-time. So here they are, from ten to one; the greatest sports movies of all-time:

10) ***The Natural:*** One of the few movies that "real" movie critics gave solid marks. The music and the visual effects from the last home run scene will linger in my mind for as long as there are sports movies for me to watch. Robert Redford did not have the smoothest motion pitching, the prettiest swing hitting, nor did he look anywhere near 20 when he was supposed to be 20, but those flaws are petty compared to the goosebumps you are left with after the last baseball scene. **Classic Line:** "Pick me out a winner Bobby."

9) ***Tin Cup:*** Why Kevin Costner attempts to do anything but sports movies is beyond me. This movie is a very underrated selection as far as top ten lists go. For guys it is the ultimate date movie. There is a love story at the center for the ladies, but the golf scenes and the dialogue between Costner and Cheech are fantastic. It was also interesting to see how the hideously atrocious swings of Costner and Don Johnson looked even worse when compared with the actual golfers in the movie. Is Peter Jacobsen in every golf movie? Or does it just seem that way? **Classic Line:** "In most cases I'd say go home and get a good night's sleep, but I think you should just get smashed."

8) ***Happy Gilmore:*** The funniest Adam Sandler movie this side of *Billy Madison, Happy Gilmore* is a comedy that speaks to all people that realize that they have a secret talent that can make them millions of dollars. From the clothes to the idiocy of Pro-Am tournaments, this movie pokes fun at the golf industry as a whole. But it is impossible for even the most serious of hackers not to laugh at the shenanigans portrayed by the incredibly hysterical Sandler. **Classic Line:** "You're gonna die clown."

7) ***Any Given Sunday:*** Any movie that stars Bob from Office Space gains instant credit from me. Also, I thought the football scenes in this movie were fantastic. It was so gritty and realistic that if you look closely, you can see actually cocaine in Lawrence Taylor's nose. Two other quick notes about the actors/actresses portrayed in this movie: 1) Is that 'roided up offensive lineman who drops the shark in the shower in every football movie ever made? And 2) Jessie Spano should never, and I mean never, act with a shirt on,; it seems so unrealistic. **Classic Line:** "Your smack is so fresh, so real, give me a pound dog."

6) ***Cool Runnings:*** This was the last movie I cried at in the theater. I don't believe one person that says that they did not have tears in their eyes when the young men from Jamaica were proudly carrying their bobsled across the finish line. Well, whatever, but this movie was definitely the coolest movie Disney has ever made. Even as I watched the Jamaican Olympic team compete at this year's Olympics, I thought it strange how Doug E. Doug and Leon were not in the sled. **Classic Line:** "Feel the rhythm, feel the rhyme, c'mon yo it's bobsled time, Cool Runnings!!!"

Rocky fights his way into second place.

5) ***Bull Durham:*** Just a flat out good movie. The movie does an excellent job of portraying the harsh reality of minor league life, while still being one damn funny movie. Tim Robbins really does do a sensational job of playing Eddie Calvin "Nuke" Laloosh, the flaky, bonus baby pitcher who is supposed to be shepherded by Costner's Crash David. Not normally the biggest fan of her looks, Susan Sarandon is very sexy in her role as Nuke's spiritual and sexual advisor, and Crash's obsession. The scene where Crash gets run from the game is one of the funnier ones in any sports movie. **Classic Line:** "He hit that pitch like he knew it was coming." "He did, I told him."

4) ***Hoosiers:*** Gene Hackman is the best coach in sports movie history. Dennis Hopper is the best alcoholic assistant coach in sports movie history. The basketball scenes in this movie are intense and sensational. Just, overall, an awesome sports movie. It is impossible not to root for the boys from Hickory in their quest for a state championship. **Classic Line:** "And don't get caught watching the paint dry."

3) ***Major League:*** Obviously an incredibly funny movie, but the movie really is just a sports classic. The baseball scenes are very good, and the script is awesome. To this day Wesley Snipes has an awful swing, but Willie Mays Hayes was a hell of a lot more likable than whomever he played in *The Fan.* The more I see the movie, the more I'm convinced Lou Brown was robbed of an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. **Classic Line:** "Uh oh Rexy, don't think this one's got the distance."

2) ***Rocky IV:*** Besides 5, all of the Rockys were deserving of this list, but *Rocky IV* is easily the most entertaining. This movie is without question one of the most pro-American movies of all-time. Brian Coh- I mean Sylvester Stallone gives another great turn as the punch drunk Rocky Balboa. The ending of this movie is highlighted by the best worst speech of all-time by Rocky to the Russian fans. I am dumber, yet more patriotic for having seen that. Interesting how it works. **Classic Line:** "During this fight I sees a lot of change. The way yooz guys feelz about me, and the way I feel about you."

1) ***Caddyshack:*** Ok, so it's not really a big sports movie, but it does involve golf, and that's good enough for this list. This is the funniest movie of all-time. The dialogue in this movie, especially the lines by spoken by Chevy Chase's Ty Webb, are amazing. I watch this movie now, after 400 viewings, and still hurt myself laughing at the same jokes. From Chase, to Rodney Dangerfield, to Bill Murray, to the guy who played Judge Smails, and especially to the guy who played Spaulding, there is not one character who doesn't keep the hilarity going throughout the movie. I don't even really want to start talking about this movie because I just won't stop. **Classic Line:** "My uncle says you have a screw loose." "Yeah well your uncle molests collies."

Track produces national qualifying performances

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

Despite snow, sleet, and hail, the men's and women's track and field team had many season best and some national qualifying performances this past weekend at Bates. Bates College in Maine was host to the NESCAC Championship Meet held over a two day period.

Co-Captain Kate Clark '02 and Maggie Hanson '02 led the way for the teams with a win each. Clark won the heptathlon, which is a combination of seven track and field events.

Clark had season best performances in over half of the events, leading to the win. Hanson won the 10,000 meter run with an automatic national qualifying time. Annie Toth '02 also came up big in the 10,000, taking third with a strong national provisional time.

Jen Cammarano '03 was the next big performer for Hamilton, taking second in the 3000 meter steeplechase, while improving her already national provisional mark by ten seconds. Co-Captain Amanda Chase '03 was the other individual placeholder for Hamilton. Chase took fifth in the women's 800 and was also a member of the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams.

Eleni Venturas '05 and Julianna Allport '05 joined Chase in the open 800 as well as the 4x800 relay. Alyson Grant '04 was the final leg of the fourth place 4x800 team, which narrowly missed the school record.

Ryan Palmitesso '03, Chris Dunn '05, and Jeff Corey '04 led the men's team by each placing in an individual event. Palmitesso took fourth in the javelin with a season best throw. Dunn took fifth in the men's 800. Jeff Corey led the sprinters with an eighth place finish in the 100.

Co-Captain Doug Zeyak '02 and Matt Drescher '05 also ran the men's 800, both in their best times of the outdoor season. Zeyak, Drescher, Dunn, and Fletcher Malcom '03 made up the men's 4x400 relay team. Malcom had previously run a strong 1500 in his top time of the season.

Corey combined once again with Elijah Huling '04, Will Lynch '05, and Olamide Harrison '05 for the 4x100 squad. Huling and Lynch each also competed in the 100 and 200 with Harrison joining them in the 200.

In the distance events, co-captain John Damaske '02 ran a personal best in the 5000 by taking ten seconds off his time. Christine Campbell '04 also ran her finest 5000 of the season taking over 20 seconds off her previous time.

Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 and Lariss Hopkins '04 ran in the open 400 and were members of the 4x400 relay team with Chase and Ruth Leoniuk '05. Dropkin-Frank also competed in the open 200 and set a school record in the pole vault for the women's team.

In the field events, Jess Sexton '03, Bob Pucko '03, and Dana Kirchoff '05 all had their furthest throws of the season in the discus. Tom Alberi '03 and Ben Wetstone '05 each had strong showings in the high jump and pole vault, respectively. Scott Huntington '05 was the lone hurdle competitor for Hamilton, running solid times in the 110 and 400 hurdles.

The men's and women's track and field teams head to Rochester this weekend for the state meet. Many athletes are ranked highly in their events and hope to come home with good marks and possibly a few medals in their pockets.

Hamilton baseball continues to struggle: Continentals lose twelve straight

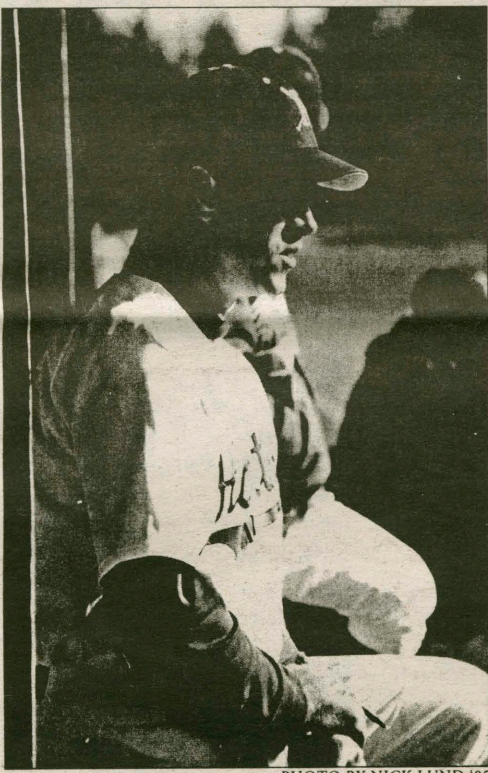
by Chris Preston
I & I Editor

It seems as the weather here on the Hill goes, so go the bats of the Hamilton baseball team. In hot and sunny Florida the Continentals had few problems scoring runs in winning four of their final five games there. Then, on a rare 70 degree Hamilton spring day several weeks ago, the Continentals bludgeoned Middlebury 7-3 to record their seventh win of the season. Two things have not happened since the Middlebury win, however: the temperature on the Hill has not even approached 70, and our beloved baseball team has not won a game, in large part due to an offense that re-defines anemic.

The Conts feature just five everyday players who are currently hitting above .200. After Wednesday's 6-2 loss to Union, no player has an average over .300. To say that runs have been hard to come by would be an understatement. During its current 12 game losing streak the team has scored just 28 runs, an average of 2.33 runs per game. While playing in either 30-degree weather or treacherous winds on a daily basis certainly has not helped matters, the Continentals say the inclement conditions have had little to do with their offensive rut.

"It's mostly a mental thing," said first baseman Jon Fehlman '03. "It seems that if we start off slow then guys go up there expecting not to get hits."

Catcher Jack Halas '03 saw the offensive struggles from a different perspective: "A lot of us are just getting underneath the ball. I don't think it's mental; some other guys on the team may, but I don't."



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Baseball Coach John Keady looks on.

Whatever it is, the team's struggles continued this past week against both Wesleyan and Union. NESCAC West-leading Wesleyan (19-12, 10-2 NESCAC) outplayed the Continentals in almost every facet of the game in three games last Friday and Saturday. The main problem for the Conts on Friday was defense, as they committed countless errors to tarnish what was a relatively strong outing from number three starter Matt Keough '04. Eventually the floodgates opened, resulting in a 21-4 Wesleyan spanking.

The next day, in game two of the three-game set, Jamie Harrison '02 limited Wesleyan to three runs, two earned, in going the distance. Unfortunately Hamilton could not muster enough offense in the 3-1 loss. The potent Wesleyan bats returned to life in the second game, as they registered the 18-3 victory and the clean three-game sweep. Wednesday's game against Union, the team's final home game of the year, was a similar story: solid pitching from Harrison, yet not nearly enough offense to win. Halas's two-run blast in the eighth, his third hit of the day, was the only offensive highlight for the Conts in the 6-2 Union victory. The game was the 12th in a row the Continentals have dropped.

The Conts do have one reason for optimism, however: they have one last game versus a beatable Hartwick team. Though Hartwick won the first match-up 6-1 at Royce Field, the Continentals have confidence that senior Matt Marsallo will bring his 'A-game' in what will be his final trip to the hill in the blue and white.

Halas stressed the importance of picking up the victory and thus ending the losing streak, "It would be great if we won. It would be good for those of us who are returning next year and it would be even better for the seniors since they're such a good group of guys and deserve to out on top." Game time is at 3:30 today, though the location was still yet to determined as of press time.

Men's tennis handled by competition during NESCAC Championship

by Jason Wellen '03
Sports Writer

The men's tennis team had high spirits going into this weekend's NESCAC Men's Tennis Championship, held at Amherst College. Those spirits were slightly lowered when they stepped onto the court against some of the best men's tennis players in Division III. The Continentals didn't make it out of the preliminary round, dropping every court. Ryan Thorpe '02 had an especially tough day, dropping both singles (4-6, 2-6) and doubles (4-6, 2-6) to Amherst.

"It was disappointing, but I don't feel bad about it," said Thorpe. "The record doesn't make a difference to me. Coach is bringing this program way up from what it was, and with a couple key people coming back next year, in addition to a great recruiting class, I have no doubt that I'm leaving here knowing that the program is on the way up," he added.

"We choked," said Sean Fair '03, who lost (6-3, 6-4) in doubles to Tufts University. "It's tough for the younger guys who haven't played against these NESCAC schools before, because they hear these horror stories beforehand and have already considered the match lost before they step on the court," said Fair.

The one light at the end of the tunnel for the team was the play of Prashant Sadarangani '04, who, despite losing (5-7, 2-6) to Bates in the first round, won his consolation match to earn the team's only victory on the weekend.

The NESCAC Tournament ended another year for men's tennis. The Conts look poised for a strong season in 2003, with the return of Jon Murphy '04, who is on injured leave this semester, and a strong group of underclassmen that showed a lot of promise, especially Brian Tilly '05 and Duncan Cameron '05.

Erick Volp '04 provided some insight with his thoughts about the year, "I'm happy the year is over. It was kind of a tough year. We started doing better at the end of the season, but it was still crappy," he said. "I think we have a good recruiting class but losing the leadership of one Ryan Thorpe definitely hurts. With a young team, maybe we can find leadership within ourselves so that we don't have a repeat season and can win at NESCAC. My goal next year is to win one round at the NESCAC tourney."

This seems to be the goal for the whole team: to bring the men's tennis team to a new level and be able to compete with the likes of their NESCAC counterparts.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Event	Date	Time
Women's Softball - NESCAC Tournament	May 3, 2002	TBA
Women's Track - AWAY at NYSCTC	May 3, 2002	1:30PM
Men's Track - AWAY at NYSCTC	May 3, 2002	1:30PM
Men's Baseball - AWAY vs Hartwick	May 3, 2002	4:00PM
Women's Crew - AWAY at State Championship	May 4, 2002	TBA
Men's Crew - AWAY at State Championship	May 4, 2002	TBA
Men's Lacrosse - AWAY vs Vassar	May 4, 2002	1:00PM
Women's Lacrosse - Hamilton vs Rochester	May 4, 2002	2:30PM

Myerberg leads Continentals past Cazenovia

by Brent Lowinger '02
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College men's lacrosse team improved to 8-3 overall and ended the season a perfect 6-0 on its home turf after beating Cazenovia College on Wednesday afternoon. The Continentals showed no hospitality nor mercy to the visitors as they thoroughly pounded Caz by a score of 31-1.

"It was complete domination from start to finish," said junior defenseman Phil Sambazis. "They scored once in the first quarter to make the score 3-1 and after that, we just wouldn't allow anymore. There was no way that we were going to relive that near catastrophe at Keuka."

The offense made sure there was no chance for disaster this time, as the Conts rattled off 28 straight goals before the final horn sounded to end the slaughter.

Senior Jay Morell '02 commented, "We know what it is like to get beat bad; we were terrible our freshman year ('99). We definitely were not trying to be obnoxious and run the score up, we just kept running our offense and getting great looks at the net. Everyone was contributing and it was a good chance for the whole team to chip in for the win."

Twenty-six Continental players tallied at least one point on the day and nineteen were able to find the back of the net with at least one goal. The standout star of the game, however, was senior Andrew Myerberg '02.

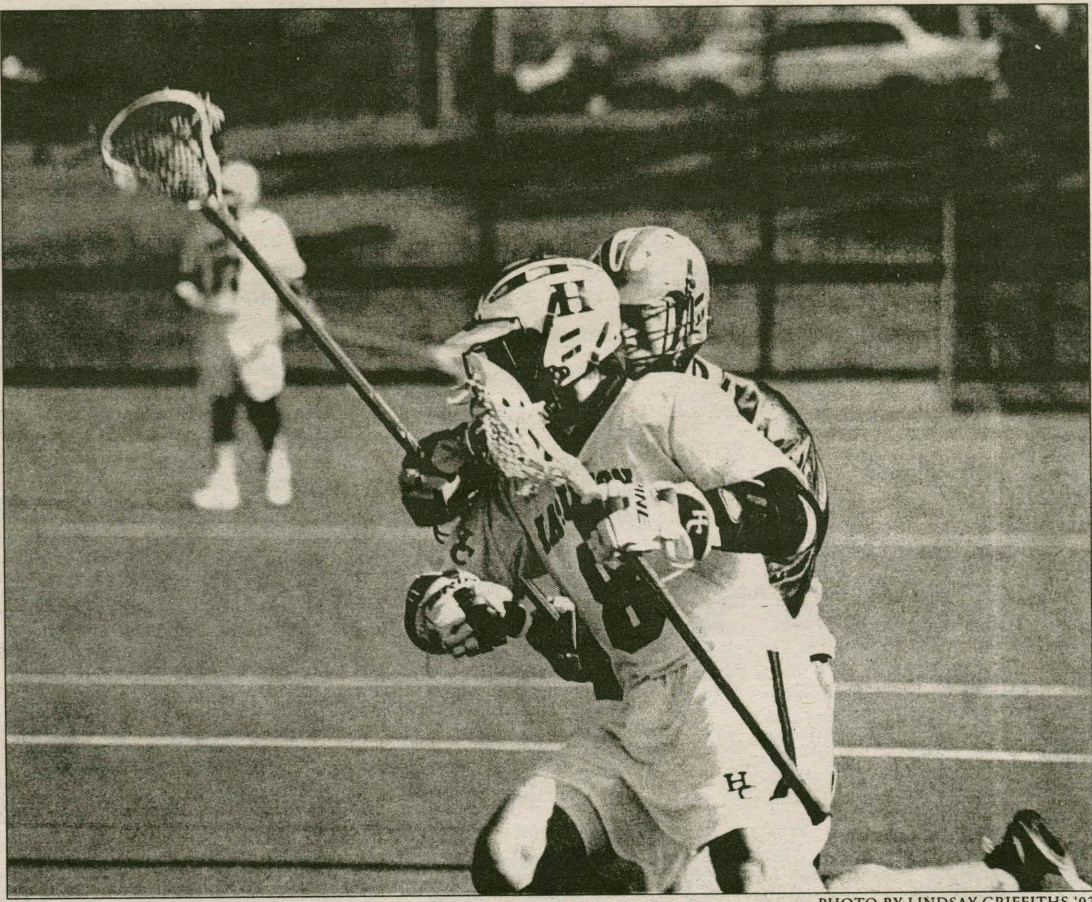
In his final collegiate home game, Myerberg took it upon himself to delight fans with a four goal, two assist performance. This game marked the culmination of a four-year career strewn with everything from flashes of brilliance to thoughts of early retirement.

This mesmerizing display gave Myerberg a well-deserved chance to reflect on his Hamilton lacrosse career.

"It's been a good run for me, a bit trying at times, but worthwhile in the end." He continued, "I'm happy I was able to finish my last home game with such a bang. There are a lot of fans out there that have been supporting me, in one way or another, for the past four years. Those four goals on Wednesday were for them."

Myerberg and the Continentals still have one game remaining on their schedule. They play Vassar on Saturday, but what they are really competing against is history. The original team goal of an NCAA tournament bid is gone, but a win against Vassar would give the team nine wins, a number unparalleled in the history of Hamilton College men's lacrosse.

For the seniors, Saturday marks an opportunity to end the season and their careers on their own terms, as Myerberg did this past Wednesday. For the rest of the team, Saturday is the last chance to enjoy the tremendous success of this season and to start to build for the future.



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Matt Silverio (8) muscles around a Cazenovia defenseman last Wednesday.

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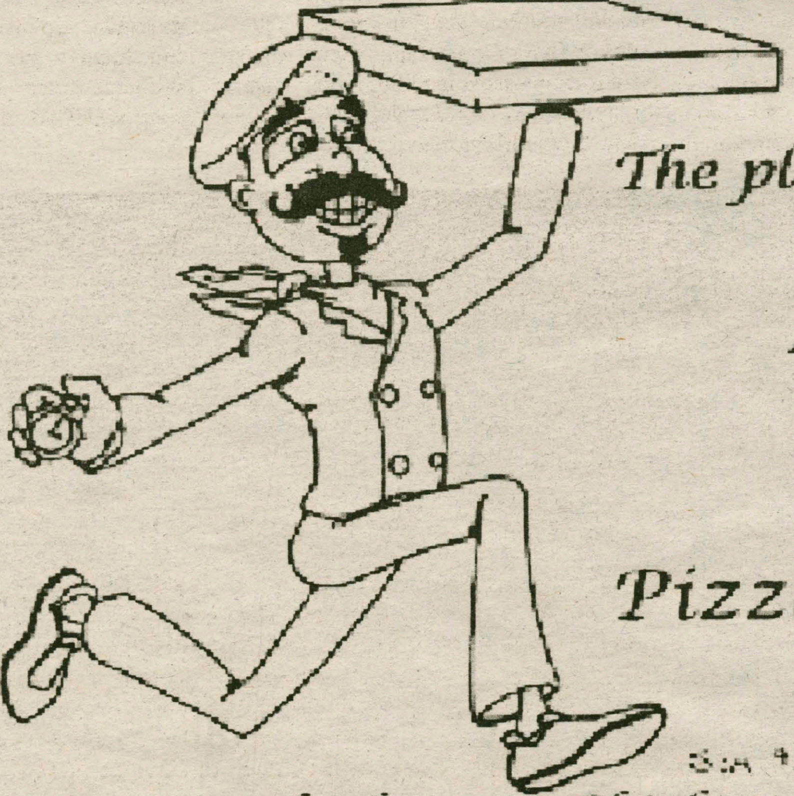

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Hamilton softball sweeps St. Lawrence

Karen Pognowski '03 leads explosive offense

by Paul Kibbe '05
Sports Writer

The women's softball team improved its record to 10-12 overall with a sweep of St. Lawrence over the weekend. The team won the front end of the doubleheader 6-5 after jumping out to a quick lead, scoring three runs in the top of the first. The team needed extra innings to take the second game, before prevailing 8-7 in the eighth.

Karen Pogonowski '02 was the team leader offensively and defensively for the Continentals in game one.

At the plate she was 2-4, including a double and an RBI. She also pitched all seven innings, giving up five runs with only two earned. She also struck out three batters in her sixth win of the year.

The highlight of the first game came in the top of the seventh inning when Erica Gomez '05 hit her first collegiate home run, the eventual winning run. Stephanie Dunn '03 also had an outstanding day at the plate, going 2-4 with a home run, double, 2 RBI and 2 runs scored.

The second game was more of a challenge for the Continentals. They were trailing St. Lawrence 5-3 going into the top of the sixth inning, before putting hits together and rallying for four runs and a 7-5 lead into the seventh.

Amy Greenan '04, Erica Gomez '05, and Niki Dafoe '04 led the rally, each with RBI singles in the inning.

St. Lawrence tied the game at seven in the final inning, forcing the game into extras. The Continentals did not waste time and in the top of the eighth they scored what would be the winning run on a hit from the bat of Greenan.

Amanda Fix '05 closed out the game in the bottom half of the eighth, saving the 8-7 lead.

On Wednesday, the team finished out itsregular season with a pair of games at home against Utica-Rome.

The Continentals had no problem with Utica, sweeping the doubleheader. They took the first 7-1 and blanked them 5-0 in the second game. Pogonowski earned her seventh win of the year on the mound and also had a double at the plate.

Dafoe drove in two of the seven runs for the Continentals. The Continentals were led by the arm of Fix, who tossed a shutout for her fifth win of the season.

Offensively, Heather Hoffay '05 was 2-2 at the plate, Pogonowski had a run-scoring double and Dunn had 2 RBI.The sweep improved the team's record to 13-13 on the year and gave the women a five game winning streak.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton bats have come alive late in the year.

Women's lacrosse picks up three victories against St. Lawrence, Vassar, and RPI

by Charles Spiliotis '03
Sports Editor

Despite its failure to live up to a preseason top ten national ranking, the women's lacrosse team stepped up and made a bid to erase all doubts. With their backs against the wall, the Lady Conts picked up two big road wins to end their regular season, and then carried that momentum into the NYSWCAA Lacrosse Championship. Facing off against a St. Lawrence team that brought a 12-3 overall record and a three seed into the tournament, the Continentals were determined to avenge their 8-7 overtime loss at the hands of the Saints earlier in the year.

After a very tight first half, the scoreboard read 7-7. The Conts came out aggressively in the second half and took a quick 9-7 lead. But despite their best defensive efforts, St. Lawrence answered with a pair of its own, to lock it back up at 9-9. Hamilton would not give up, adding two more quick goals. The Saints answered with a goal on a free position shot, pulling them within one. The Conts slowed down their offense, eating as much clock as possible, and Helena Marrin '03 netted her second of the day, upping the lead to 12-10. After dodging a few bullets late in the game, the women managed to hold on, with a 12-11 win.

"We were really determined to come out and play aggressively against St. Lawrence. We had a really tough loss to them earlier in the year, and we weren't going to let them beat us twice. We have a lot of talent and we're finally playing the lacrosse we're capable of," said captain Lauren Reynolds '02.

Sarah Bardenett '04 paced the Conts with five goals and an assist, while freshman sensation Lauren Thomsen had three goals of her own.

The team's last regular season affair was against UCAA rival RPI on the road. The first half was well-played by both teams and two goals from leading scorer Molly Plummer '03 carried Hamilton into the locker room deadlocked at 4-4. Hamilton came out with a fire in the second, scoring the first three goals and taking a commanding 7-4 lead, which it would not relinquish. The defense played a very aggressive half and shut the door in the face of the Engineers. Plummer led the way for the women with four goals, while Thomsen had two goals and an assist in the win.

In its matchup with 2-9 Vassar, Hamilton came strong out of the gates and grabbed a 3-0 lead before the Brewers knew what hit them. After Vassar answered with a pair of scores to pull within 3-2, Hamilton netted seven unanswered goals, to put the game out of reach. Thomsen led the charge again for the Conts, scoring four goals and two assists in the 17-7 pounding. Plummer and Bardenett did a good deal of damage as well, with three goals and two assists for Plummer, and three and one for Bardenett.

Hamilton will face off against the two seeded University of Rochester in the NYSWCAA tournament semifinals on Saturday.

Reynolds commented, "I think we just need to continue doing a lot of the things we've been doing—playing strong defense and controlling the clock. If we can control the pace of the game, we can beat anybody."

PHOTO BY ALEX SIEGAL '03

Molly Plummer (15) led the Continentals past three tough teams.